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ALL GERMANS IN BELGRADE INSTRUCTED BY BERLIN TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY

Story About Twenty-thousand Refugees Untrue

THE REMAINING GERMANS IN BELGRADE, NUMBERING ABOUT 50, RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM BERLIN YESTERDAY MORNING TO LEAVE THE CAPITAL IMMEDIATELY, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE. THE ONLY GERMANS STAYING ARE THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND THE MILITARY ATTACHE.

The entire Yugoslav Press has given an answer to the German stories of large-scale evacuation by Germans.

THE TALK OF 20,000 GERMAN REFUGEES LEAVING YUGOSLAVIA IS DESCRIBED AS ABSURD. ACTUALLY THE NUMBER OF GERMANS TO LEAVE WAS 2,000 AND THEY DID SO AT THE GERMAN REQUEST. NO-ONE HAD ANY REAL REASON TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

Yugoslavia wishes to keep out of all wars but those who leave the country in this manner are not doing anything to contribute to the pacification of this part of the Balkans.

YUGOSLAV ARMY WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF ALBANIAN FRONTIER

BELGRADE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—With a large and well-equipped Yugoslav army within striking distance of the Albanian frontier, SIGNOR MUSSOLINI IS BELIEVED TO BE MOST ANXIOUS TO AVOID A CONFLICT THAT WOULD ENDANGER THE ONLY SAFE SUPPLY ROUTE TO NORTHERN ALBANIA.

The Italian Minister is reported to have paid four visits to the Yugoslav Foreign Office in attempts to avert a German attack.

The view here is that the Yugoslav army could reach Durazzo in the shortest time, while other forces could invade Albania from the east.

It is expected that a Government declaration will reaffirm the Serbo-Croat agreement re-established on the 1939 agreement.

CROWN COUNCIL

Gen. Simovitch and a Croat representative are reported to have agreed on the formation of a Crown Council of three comprising M. Jovanovitch, Vice-Premier, and Serb, the Croat leader M. Matichuk and the Slovene leader, M. Kulovec. The basis of the council would be reciprocity among the peoples of Yugoslavia.

EFFORTS COLLAPSE

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini's last minute efforts to avert war between Yugoslavia and Germany have collapsed, according to a Belgrade despatch to the New York Times.

Sources close to the Yugoslav Government, says the despatch, have disclosed that talks between Italy and Yugoslavia and between Germany and Yugoslavia, have reached a deadlock.

In high diplomatic quarters in Belgrade, the outlook is described as hopeless and war inevitable.

Matsuoka Gives Fascist Salute From Train

MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, left Rome yesterday for a return visit to Berlin where he will talk with Herr Von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, states a London message.

Mr. Matsuoka was seen off at the station by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and as the train moved away, the Japanese diplomat leaned out of his carriage window and gave the Fascist salute.

When the history of this war comes to be written it will say that "Mr. Matsuoka has made one of the most remarkable tours since Marco Polo," states a message from Sydney. His arrival in Europe has coincided with setbacks to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini.

DIPLOMATIC 'ALICE'

In Australia, Mr. Matsuoka is regarded as a diplomatic 'Alice in Wonderland' and people in Australia are beginning to ask what is the meaning of his tour.

The meaning lies in the point which Mr. Matsuoka emphasised in Rome on Wednesday when he said that he wanted to inform himself of the true situation in Europe.

Mr. Matsuoka has had an audience with the Pope, states the Sydney message, and who can tell him of the true situation better than the Pope?

A DISERVICE

CANBERRA, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoka's speech in Berlin and Rome would be a disservice

The Yugoslav Prime Minister, GEN. SIMOVITCH, has acknowledged in an interview with a Greek paper the Yugoslav debt to Greece. He said, "As an honest soldier, I have to admit that it was Greek heroism that showed us the path we must tread. The Yugoslav nation is hostile to no-one and seeks friction with no-one. Our army stands only to safeguard our national dignity which we are determined to defend. We want to be friends with all the people around us and the maintenance of that friendship depends on them alone."

The German atrocity campaign against Yugoslavia is now full out and newspapers have printed the following fantastic headlines: "Serbs want to wage in German blood"; "Serbs threaten to roast Germans in their own homes."

IMPORTANT NOTE

Gen. Simovitch is reported to have sent two Yugoslav Ministers with an important communication to the Turkish Government, states a message from Sydney which adds that these two envoys arrived in Istanbul yesterday.

In the meantime the Nazis continue to threaten Yugoslavia for the ill-treatment of the German minority and intensified activity is reported on the Rumanian frontier.

PERIODICAL TALKS

The periodical talks between the Middle East Command and the Turkish authorities are being continued in Ankara. Britain is represented by Lt-General Sir James Marshall-Cornwall, Air Chief Marshal Elmhurst and Admiral Sir Howard Kelly (personal representative of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham).

Today's News Summary

ONLY THE GERMAN Charge D'Affaires and military attache will remain in Belgrade as all Germans have been ordered by Berlin to leave immediately. Mussolini is said to be anxious to avert a conflict between Germany and Yugoslavia. A strong Yugoslav army is within striking distance of the Albanian frontier.

THE ADVANCE TO Addis Ababa is proceeding and British forces have captured a point 180 miles from the city. In Eritrea many prisoners have been captured and many more are being rounded up.

TWO GERMAN SHIPS which slipped out of Callao harbour have been found by a Peruvian cruiser on the high seas ablaze and abandoned by their crews. An Italian ship at Rio de Janeiro is to be seized.

COUNT TELEKI, Prime Minister of Hungary since 1939 when he succeeded Dr. Imredy, has committed suicide.

THE EAST INDIAN Station has accounted for two more Italian destroyers which recently left the port of Massawa.

DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, London, has been appointed Foreign Minister to succeed Mr. Wang Chung-hui.

MORE SUCCESS FOR EAST INDIAN STATION

One Italian destroyer was sunk by aircraft and another left in a sinking condition, according to an Admiralty communique quoting a report received from the Commander-in-Chief of the East Indian Station, states a London message.

Both destroyers had recently left Massawa and are in addition to the one of the Panther class the destruction of which was announced on Wednesday.

WINDSORS IN MISHAP

NASSAU, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are aboard the yacht which is reported to have run aground off Eleuthera Island.

They are reported safe, and a seaplane and motor cruiser are going to their aid.

JUNKERS DOWNED OFF S. COAST

A Junkers-88 was shot down by a Hurricane fighter off the south coast of England yesterday morning states a London message.

There was nothing to report on enemy air activity over Britain on Wednesday night.

For the 13th successive night no bombs fell on London last Wednesday night, says Reuter.

TRAINING CORPS

The air training corps in Britain for youths between 16 and 18 years of age is still attracting boys in large numbers, states a London message.

GOOD FRIDAY NOT PUBLIC HOLIDAY

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Good Friday will not be a public holiday in Britain this year. Banks will remain open, but will close on Easter Monday.

Football clubs too, have received advice from the Football Association that matches should not be arranged at any time on Good Friday.

JAPANESE SEIZE FIVE BRITISH LIGHTERS

Five British lighters have been seized by the Japanese in Shanghai, states a London message.

The cargoes were confiscated the excuse given being that they were destined for the Chungking Government.

The British authorities in Shanghai have lodged a strong protest.

PROMOTION FOR QUO TAI-CHI: TO BECOME FOREIGN MINISTER: KOO NAMED AS LONDON AMBASSADOR

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—It is officially learned that DR. QUO TAI-CHI, Chinese Ambassador in London, has been appointed Foreign Minister succeeding MR. WANG CHUNG-HUI.

This change is interpreted in many circles as a further indication of the close Chinese-British relations since Dr. Quo is generally regarded as extremely successful in London.

Dr. Quo's successor has not yet been announced, but there is talk of transferring DR. WELLINGTON KOO, Chinese Ambassador in Vichy, to London.

The appointment of Dr. Quo Tai-chi as China's new Foreign Minister caused no surprise here.

Rumours of the change have been persistently circulated among various quarters here during the past two years and the names of Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Dr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Wang Shih-chieh have been mentioned as possible candidates for the post of Foreign Minister.

Mr. Wang Chung-hui has been appointed Secretary-General of the Supreme National Defence Council, replacing General Chang Chun, Governor of Szechuen Province, who resigned his concurrent post with the Supreme National Defence Council.

POPULAR ENVOY

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Dr. Quo Tai-chi, popular Chinese Ambassador, is leaving for China shortly, Reuter learns. Seen by Reuter, the Ambassador said that he had received instructions from General Chiang Kai-shek to return to Chungking.

Regarding the rumour that he will become Foreign Minister in place of Mr. Wang Chung-hui, the Ambassador stated that he could say nothing as any announcement must come from Chungking.

Dr. Quo will travel by America, where Madame Quo and their two sons have been staying since England entered the war. Dr. Quo has been Ambassador in London for over eight years, where he has won wide popularity and prestige. His speeches on Chinese and world affairs have been particularly notable and his departure will be greatly regretted by a wide circle of friends.



DR. WELLINGTON KOO

MR. MENZIES IN BELFAST

MR. R. G. MENZIES, the Australian Premier, was given a warm welcome when he arrived in Belfast yesterday on his way to Dublin where he is expected to meet the Prime Minister of Eire, Mr. Eamon de Valera, states a London message.

In Belfast, Mr. Menzies inspected several establishments.

Advance Of British Forces On Addis Ababa Is Proceeding Apace

THE ADVANCE OF BRITISH FORCES ON ADDIS ABABA IS PROCEEDING APACE, states a message from London.

A communique issued by G.H.Q. Cairo, states that British forward troops have captured MIESO about 180 miles from Addis Ababa and 100 miles along the railway from Dire Dawa.

Parachute messages were dropped by South African Air Force planes on Addis Ababa, Adowa and Awash.

Our forces have taken many prisoners in Eritrea and many more are being rounded up.

In Libya, Imperial forward troops have withdrawn from the advance positions near El Agheila. The Abyssinian campaign is a race with the rains.

CALL ON DUKE

According to a message from Sydney, General Wavell has called upon the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Ethiopia, to surrender and stating that the British will make every effort to save Italian families, from further suffering.

The Sydney message adds that it was reported that the Duke of Aosta, had replied wanting to know what the terms of surrender would be. He is the type of soldier who will resist to the last.

INDIAN NAVY'S PART

A report from the Commander-in-Chief of the East Indian Station, quoted in a London message, stated that the Royal Indian Navy played a big part in the operations preceding the fall of Keren and Asmara.

Special mention is made of the ship Retma Guri which was used for transporting troops.

When Berbera was taken two ships, Travati and Netravati, carried out similar duties.

The Indian Naval squadron has been reinforced by four other ships.

ITALIAN AIR LOSSES

Italian losses in aircraft in the Middle East up to the end of Mar. totalled 178, of which 125 were shot down by the R.A.F., 21 by A.A. fire and 32 were destroyed on the ground, states a London message.

Two German Ships Ablaze On High Seas

SLIPPED OUT OF CALLAO

The two German merchantships, Munchen and Kermonts, which slipped out of Callao harbour on Monday, have been found ablaze on the high seas and abandoned by their crews. The two steamers were discovered by a Peruvian cruiser at distances of 200 and 250 miles, respectively, from Callao harbour, states a London message.

NO FLAGS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Coast Guard has ordered the removal of the United States flag from any of the 69 ships at present in custody on which it may have been flying. The ships will not fly flags.

SEIZURE ORDERED

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Brazilian Government has ordered that an Italian steamer now in Rio de Janeiro, be seized.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Brazil has sent a note to Germany protesting the bombing of the Brazil merchantman, Tabate, off Alexandria ten days ago.

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DEFENCE PARLEY IN MANILA

United States army and navy chiefs in Manila have had a conference on defences in the Far East in continuation of the preliminary between Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and Admiral Thomas Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Force, states a London message.

In the World of Sports

ADVANCE ENTRIES FOR EASTER RACE MEETING

The Hongkong Jockey Club advance copy of entries for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 12 and Monday, April 14, is as follows:—

1.—11.30 a.m.—Mrs Bay Stakes—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For China Ponies. Grifflins of this Season. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the 14 mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

Eve of Deception, Iron Beauty, Lovely View, Night Express, Odeon, Oscar Zylch (late Eve of Rest), Quick Step, Raconteur, Rosylight, So Nice, Well Done. Wonderful Scheme. 12 entries.

2. or 12—noon or 5 p.m.—Cal-Mope Handicap—First or Second Section—Winner \$800. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Ponies. "B" Class. Subscription Ponies of 1941 that have won \$1,000 or more in stakes barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the 14 mile post once round & in (about 1 mile 171 yards).

A Happy Time, Chiltern, Conneber, Contact, Devonian, Fair Chance, Glamour, Happy Landings, Marsh Warbler, Piccadilly Jim, Pumpernickel, Rowan, Springhurst, Starlight, Triumphphant Day, Venus Bay, Vixen Tor. 17 entries.

3.—12.30 p.m.—Wyalong Stakes—Winner \$1,250. Second \$600. Third \$350. For Australian Ponies. Grifflins of this Season. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Winners barred. Entrance \$5. From the 14 mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

A Blossom Time, Gay Fox, Hascossay, Hornpipe, Iron Belle, King's Welcome, Locust Standi, Man-O-War, Misty View, National Courage, Ozark, Pigtail, Ratio Decidendi, Riverside, Suppocena, The Nineteenth Hole, Tropical Love, Vanguard 18 entries.

4. or 7—1 or 3.30 p.m.—Taiwan Bay Handicap—First or Second Section—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies. "D" Class. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One mile.

Blue Field, Bodiat Bay, Celtic Star, Chatterbox, Dawn Star, Eve of Hunting, Eve of Paradise, Fort/Six, Guinea Time, King's Worthy, Lovely Star, Mauber, Oomph, Phoenix, Portrush, Rose-Queen, Royal Highness, Seaside View, Smiling Time, Starthannock, Sunlight View, Sylvandara, This Time, West Lake. 24 entries.

5.—2.30 p.m.—Rosehill Stakes—First Section—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Winners barred. Entrance \$5. From the 14 mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

Arnieber, A Rosy Time, Battle, Beauford, Boneshaker, Casino, Daylight, Gogoly, Hawaiian Love, High Hat, Hole in One, Lodestar, Red Rabbit, Royal Sovereign, Snow White, Spitfire, Strathalbyn, Sunspot. 35 entries; 18 drawn.

6.—3 p.m.—Brisbane Spring Handicap—Winner \$1,500. Second \$800. Third \$300. For Australian Ponies. Grifflins of this Season. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Winners barred. Entrance \$5. From the 14 mile post (about half mile 170 yards).

7.—3.30 p.m.—Coolgardie Stakes—First Section—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian Ponies. "A" Class. Subscription Ponies of 1941 and Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six furlongs.

A Boaring Time, Australian Prince, Bruno, Catterick Bridge, Centre Court, Cheerful Star, Coclerio, Derby Day, Double Pinesse, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Graceful View, Hascossay, Income Tax, Locust Standi, Maple Star, Misty View, Mountain View, National Courage, Nomine Poenae, Rivulet, Sea Jay, Shuttlecock, The Nineteenth Hole, Vis Major, Warrego River. 26 entries.

UNIVERSITY BADMINTON FINALS

The finals of the Intra-University Badminton Tournament will be played tomorrow commencing at 2 p.m. at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium.

Following is the programme: Men's Singles—K. W. Choy v. P. K. Hoi; Doubles—T. T. Chin and C. Y. Lee v. K. B. Low and P. K. Hoi.

Ladies' Doubles—Miss S. Patushinsky and Miss M. Fujima v. Miss Li Wai-kuen and Miss L. Ghows; Mixed Doubles—K. W. Choy and Miss K. J. Hung v. H. F. Chew and Miss L. Ghows.

Exhibitions: Mixed Doubles—M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva v. P. S. Bun and Miss U. Khoo; Men's Singles—M. P. Young v. S. L. Yong.

CRICKET TITLE FOR R.A.S.C.

The Royal Army Service Corps did very well when they beat 5th A.A. Regiment by seven wickets to win the final of the Army Small Units cricket competition at Sookunpo yesterday.

5th A.A.: 66 (Dobson 23; Martin 5 for 15; Young 4 for 14; 14; T. A. Pearce 94; Martin 3 for 2; Young 3 for 60).

R.A.S.C.: 187 (Logan 93; Martin 24; T. A. Pearce 6 for 49; 25 for 3; Hamlin 7; Clague 2 for 15).

Craigengower Teams For Saturday

The following have been selected to represent the Craigengower Cricket Club in League matches on Saturday, at 2 p.m.

1st XI v. University (Away):—E. Zimmer (Capt.), T. H. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulme, M. C. Hung, A. K. Ismail, S. Leonard, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Young Saye.

2nd XI v. Club de Recreio (Home):—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way.

OPEN TENNIS TSUI WAI-PUI WINS IN TWO STRAIGHT SETS

Though TSUI WAI-PUI was not given the stiff opposition expected from K. H. YIP, the promising young South China champion, their singles match in the Open Tennis tournament at the Stand Court yesterday had its bright moments despite the fact that the ex-holder won in the straight sets of 6-4, 6-4.

Wai-pui was obviously not over-exerting himself though there were occasions when he had to give of his best and even then he was hard put to stave off his opponent. Yip was inconsistent. He had a well-controlled forehand drive but his lobbing was very poor.

Both players started off cautiously and games alternated until the sixth when Tsui broke Yip's service to lead 4-2 and went on to take the set after dropping the eighth game.

After Tsui, in the second set, had led 5-2 some of the best tennis was seen.

CLUB MATCHES The following were the results of Club matches: H'cap Doubles: F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursty beat R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay 6-2, 6-0; H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth beat D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop 6-2, 6-3.

H'cap Mixed Doubles: V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair beat Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet 6-3, 6-2.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME Open Singles: Paul Kong v. Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court); T. M. A. Razack v. S. A. Rumjahn; M. Pagh v. H. D. Rumjahn; A. Crawford v. G. Choa.

Club Mixed Doubles: S. L. Maughan and Miss Stoneman v. A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade; T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard.

Club H'cap Singles: H. J. Armstrong v. G. W. Sewell; F. W. Carter v. R. E. Guest.

Mobile Column Provide Surprise At Annual Prize Meeting Of H.K.R.A.

The MOBILE COLUMN, H.K.V.D.C., provided the surprise of yesterday's programme in the annual meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association when they managed to take second place in the Machine Gun Match.

The Association Service Rifle Championship (Aggregate) was won by L/Cpl. Allo, of the Royal Engineers, who also took the Service Rifle Championship for the Gascoigne Cup.

The Company Match was concluded, resulting in a win for "C" Company, 1st Middlesex Regiment. The Services Team Revolver match saw a close victory for the Rajput Regiment.

TODAY'S COMPETITION The first stage of the Governor's Prize will be fired off this morning, consisting of the Blackdown Competition at 200 yards, the Camberley Competition at 500 yards and the Bagshot Competition at 600 yards.

In the afternoon, the Council Cup Competition at 400 yards will be decided, followed by the Army and Navy Cup Competition at 600 yards for the Long Range Aggregate.

THE RESULTS SERVICES TEAM REVOLVER MATCH

5th/7th Rajput Regiment 442; 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment 441; 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots 388; H.M.S. Tamar 374; Corps of Military Police 372.

THE MACHINE GUN MATCH

5th/7th Rajput Regt., Team 2, 169; H.K.V.D.C., Team 1, 147; 5th/7th Rajput Regt., Team 1, 115; 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt., Team 1, 98; 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, "C" Coy., 91; H.K.V.D.C. Team 2, 89; 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt., Team 2, 60; 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, "D" Coy., 42.

"C" COY. 1st Mx. (Cpl. Langford, L/C. Harris, L/C. Byrne, Pte. Harrison, Cpl. Daves, L/C. Newbury, Pte. Katfield, Pte. Carr) 342 Pts.; 2nd R.M. Tamar (Sgt. Bresse, Sgt. Griffith, Sgt. Rushman, Mne. Moxham, Sgt. Cole, Sgt. Menhnick, Cpl. Brown, Mne. Croft) 326.

PIATOON MATCH

Hattom Challenge Cup "H.Q." Coy. 1st Mx. Regt., 321; H.M.S. Tamar, 309; 5th/7th Rajput

SWIMMING—European Y.M.C.A. Summer Programme (5.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.)

TENNIS—Colony Championships, at H.K.C.C.

TOMORROW

CRICKET.—First Division: H. K. SATURDAY, APRIL 5

U. v. C. C. C., K. C. C. v. C. C. C., C. C. C. Division: C. C. C. v. Recreio.

FOOTBALL.—Kotewell Cup Final, Army v. South China (Causeway Bay), 4.30 p.m. First Division: Club v. Kowloon.

Second Division: Navy v. Kit Chae (Causeway Bay), 3 p.m. R.A.S.C. v. Sing Tao (Sookunpo), 4.30 p.m. Club v. 30th R.A. Third Division: Signals v. 35th R.A. (Sookunpo), 3 p.m.

7th R.A. v. A.S.A. (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m. 36th R.A. v. 20th R.A. (Military), 3 p.m. Shell v. R.A.F. (Caroline Hill), 4.30 p.m. Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final, Scotland v. England (Boundary Street), 3.30 p.m.

RACING.—Macao Jockey Club's April Race Meeting at Area Preta, Macao, 3 p.m.

RIFLE SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 8.30 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

ARMY RUGBY SEVENS

The Army Seven-a-Side rugby tournament, fixtures for Tuesday, Apr. 8, are as follows:— 3 p.m. 12 Cst. R.A. "B" v. Royal Scots "A"; 3.15, 5 A.A.R.A. "A" v. Royal Scots "B"; 3.30, Middx. Rgt. "B" v. 5 A.A.R.A. "C"; 4.45, Middx. Rgt. "A" v. 5 A.A.R.A. "B"; 4. 8 Cst. R.A. "A" v. R.E. "B"; 4.15, R.A.M.C. v. 8 Cst. R.A. "B"; 4.30, R.E. "A" v. 12 Cst. R.A. "A".

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STRONG COMPLAINT AT SPORTS CLUB MEETING

A strong complaint against the election of new members being left in the hands of the Temporary Voting Members was made by Mr. E. C. Barrie at the annual meeting of the SPORTS CLUB held last evening. Mr. Barrie further complained that, as far as he was concerned, all that he had to do during the seven years' he had been a member of the Club was to pay his \$7 yearly, but that he had no say whatsoever as to the running of the Club.

Mr. M. H. Lo was in the Chair, and was supported by Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., Mr. M. M. Watson, Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Mr. J. F. Macgregor and Mr. Lam Ming-tan (Hon. Secretary).

Among those present were Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. Horace Lo, A. J. Kew, E. C. Barrie, G. Taylor, Dr. F. Bunje, Messrs. U. Sz-wing, A. Gillard, W. O. Nodes, Ko Fook-sang, Chan Kam-hong, and others.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

The Chairman said, in part: The Income and Expenditure Account for the year shows a surplus of \$2,378 as against \$1,720 for the year 1939.

On the Expenditure side the only items which show appreciable increases are those of wages and printing and stationery. The staff's wages were increased during last year due to prevailing high cost of living, and an Assistant Secretary was also appointed to help our Hon. Secretary.

The Club premises were redecorated. Our boxes at the Jockey Club were also entirely renovated.

Thanks to the support of members the profits of the bar were substantially increased during the year under review.

VOTING MEMBERS

After the Report and Statement of Accounts had been seconded by Mr. U. Sz-wing, Mr. W. O. Nodes proposed, and Mr. A. J. Kew seconded, the election of 51 Chinese Temporary Voting Members; while Mr. Ko Fook-sang proposed, and Mr. Chan Kam-hong seconded, the election of 51 non-Chinese Temporary Voting Members.

Members of the General Committee were elected en bloc on the proposal of Mr. A. Gillard.

UNDER CONSIDERATION

The Chairman, in reply to Mr. Barrie and Mr. Shaftain, said that he was glad of the opportunity to inform members of the Club that the question of Voting Members had been under consideration for a long time.

In a semi-jocular speech, Dr. F. Bunje criticised the decorations, fittings and furniture of the Ladies' Room which, he said, was previously nicely furnished.

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 Sino-British Cultural Assn. luncheon to Governor, Hongkong Hotel, 1 p.m.
 Lecture: Dr. Li Shu-fan on "Modern Methods in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis" H.K. University, 5.30 p.m.
 Lingnan University Party to Mr. B. S. Fong.
 Cheero Club Darts & Table Tennis.
 Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. Headquarters, 6.30 p.m.
 First Aid Practical Lessons, S.C.M. Post Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
 Catholic Cathedral Lenten Discussion, 6 p.m.
 Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
 5-Tides: High 4.42 a.m. and 2.18 p.m. Low 6.17 a.m. and 1.01 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.13 a.m.; Sunset: 6.40 p.m.
 Wah Yan Past Students' Assn. Dinner-Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
 Seven-A-Side Hockey Matches in Aid of Bomber Fund, King's Park, 3 p.m.
 6-Tides: High 6.08 a.m. and 3.37 p.m. Low 6.35 a.m. and 1.58 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.12 a.m.; Sunset: 6.40 p.m.
 April Meeting of Macao Jockey Club.
 Band Concert in aid of Bomber Fund, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.
 Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, lecture on "Brass and Wood-Wind Instrumental Music" 7.30 p.m.
 7-Tides: High 5.49 a.m. and 5.04 p.m. Low 10.47 a.m.
 Sunrise: 6.11 a.m.; Sunset: 6.41 p.m.
 General Meeting of Education Society of H.K. University, Union Assembly Room, 5.15 p.m.
 Governor to inspect St. John Ambulance Brigade, R. Naval Recreation Ground, 5.30 p.m.
 Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.
 8-Tides: High 7.16 a.m. and 6.21 p.m. Low 12.47 a.m. and 12.22 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.10 a.m.; Sunset: 6.41 p.m.
 Annual Meeting of West County Society, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
 Claims against Estate of Mr. H. P. Morton due.
 General Meeting of Science Society of H.K. University, Room "K", 8.30 p.m.

ANOTHER SCOOP BY ORIENTAL THEATRE

Vic Hugo, manager of the Oriental Theatre, has recorded another scoop to his credit. By special arrangements with the United Artists Corporation, through negotiations with Mr. Joe C. Goltz, their Far Eastern representative, the Oriental Theatre has secured the rights to show the biggest technicolor production that has ever come out of Hollywood, "The Thief of Bagdad."

Consistent with the best Vic Hugo traditions, no fancy prices will be charged and it will be the first time that "The Thief of Bagdad" has been shown at less than roadshow prices. Those who missed the picture when it was shown at the King's Theatre a short time ago, when it played to crowded houses at 70c., \$1.50, \$2.20, and \$3.00, will now be able to see this remarkable picture at popular prices.

"The Thief of Bagdad" has been shown to record-breaking business wherever shown at roadshow prices. In Shanghai, where it was shown simultaneously in the Nanking and Metropolitan Theatres, it did a record business of \$338,559.00 for the run, which is about \$100,000 more than the previous record held by "Gone with the Wind."

"The Thief of Bagdad" will be shown at the Oriental, beginning on Wednesday, April 9.

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Classical Requests

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
 12.30 Compositions of Rimsky-Korsakov.

May Night—Overture—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. Song of the Viking Guest (from 'Sacko')—Theodore Chaliapine (Bass) with Orchestra. Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34: Alborada-Variazioni—Alborada-Scena e canto gitano—Fandango asturiano—The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris. Chanson Hindoue (from 'Sacko')—Alexandre Koubitzky (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.
 1.01 Turner Layton (Vocal) and Harold Ramsay (Organ).

The Village That Nobody Knows (Simpson-Haydn Wood); Night Nursery (Kelly and Arundale) — Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano. St. Louis Blues (Handy); Rodeo March (Harold Ramsay) — Harold Ramsay (Organ). Let's Make Memories Tonight (from 'All Clear')—Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano. Six Great Melodies—Intro: Londonderry Air; Cherry Ripe; Annie Laurie; Black Eyes; Lorelei; O Sole Mio — Harold Ramsay (Organ). Day After Day (Green and Humber); I Have Eyes (film Paris Honey-moon)—Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Popular Film Selections.

"Bitter Sweet" — Selection — Jack Hylton and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Wanting You; Lover Come Back To Me (both from 'The New Moon')—Romberg — Lawrence Tibbett (Bartitone) w. Piano acc. 'Balaika' — Selection — New Mayfair Orchestra. Life is a Dream ('The Southerner') — Lawrence Tibbett (Bartitone) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

2.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A French Variety Programme.

Parade D'Oiseau—One Step—i. Accordoniste Alexander & His Orchestra. Mon Amour (de Badet); II Pleurant (Revil) — Maurice Chevalier (Vocal) with Orch.

6.40 Studio—Talk on The National Association for the Care of War Orphans by Dr. Irene Ho Cheng.

6.45 French Variety Programme continued.

Au Fond De Tes Yeux (de Lima); Oul Je Suis De Paris (Oberfeld) — Mistinguett (Vocal) with Orchestra. Elle Laisait Marie-Claire (Charly); L'Assemblee Du Village (Alexander) — L'Accordeoniste Alexander and His Orchestra. Four Sa Payse (Borel) — Jean Cyrano with Chorus and Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—The Day We Meet Again—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Rumba—Maracas; Pasodoble—Nino De Jerez—Tejada & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—One Look at You (film 'A Night at Earl Carroll's'); A Million Dreams Ago; Quicksteps — No Mama, No; Sweet Little Sweetheart—Joe Loss & His Orch. Waltzes—Two Hearts in Waltz Time; Don't Ask Me Why—Harry Horlick and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal.

8.02 An Hour of English Variety.

Vocal—F. D. R. Jones (Rome); Follow the White Line—Arthur Askey w. Jack Hylton and Some of His Boys. Comedienne—The South is the Place for Me (Braham and Others); Why Has A Cow Got Four Legs — Cicely Courtneidge assisted by Wilson Mallett. Organ — My Wishing Song (Kahal and Burke)—Jesse Crawford. Humorous—Arguments—Clapham and Dwyer. Organ — The Old Spinning Wheel (Hill)—Jesse Crawford. Vocal — Willow, Tit Willow (Parr Davies)—Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton and Some of His Boys. Vocal—Our Greatest Successes—Cicely Courtneidge and Jack Hylton with Orchestra. Humorous — The Seaside (Crick and Others); Clothes (Crick and Others); Mungatroyd and Winterbottom with Piano. Orch.—The Dancing Years—Selection (Novello)—The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. Comedian—Celebratin' (film 'Limelight'); Tap Your Toes (film 'Jack of All Trades') — Jack Hylton with Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay — 'Questions of the Hour.'

9.30 Request Classical Programme.

1812 Overture (Tchaikovsky) — The Philharmonic Orchestra with the Ural Cossacks' Choir. Spanish Dance (Granados) — Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) w. Piano. Ah! Moon of My Delight ('In a Persian Garden'—Lehmann)—Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra. Hungarian Dance No. 11 in D Minor (Brahms)—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) w. Piano acc. Acceleration—Waltz (Joh. Strauss)—Orchestra. Mascotte.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—Correspondence Column' by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 Request Classical Programme continued.

'Ray Blas'—Overture (Mendelssohn)—Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Spring Had Come (Hawatha)—Coleridge-Taylor — Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. A Trumpet Voluntary (for Brass and Organ) (Purcell)—Sir Hamilton Harry cond. the Halle Orchestra. Solo Trumpet: Alex. Harris Organist: Harold Dawber. Onaway Awake! Beloved ('Hawatha')—Coleridge-Taylor—Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra. Molly On The Shore (Grainger) — Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden. Brahms' Waltzes Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Op. 39—Anatole Kitain. Invitation to the Waltz, Op. 65 (Weber)—Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Let The Bright Seraphim ('Samson') — Handel — Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92 (Beethoven): 3rd Movement Only—Presto—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

11.00 Close down.

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I—News Summary	4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
V—News Summary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.00 p.m.
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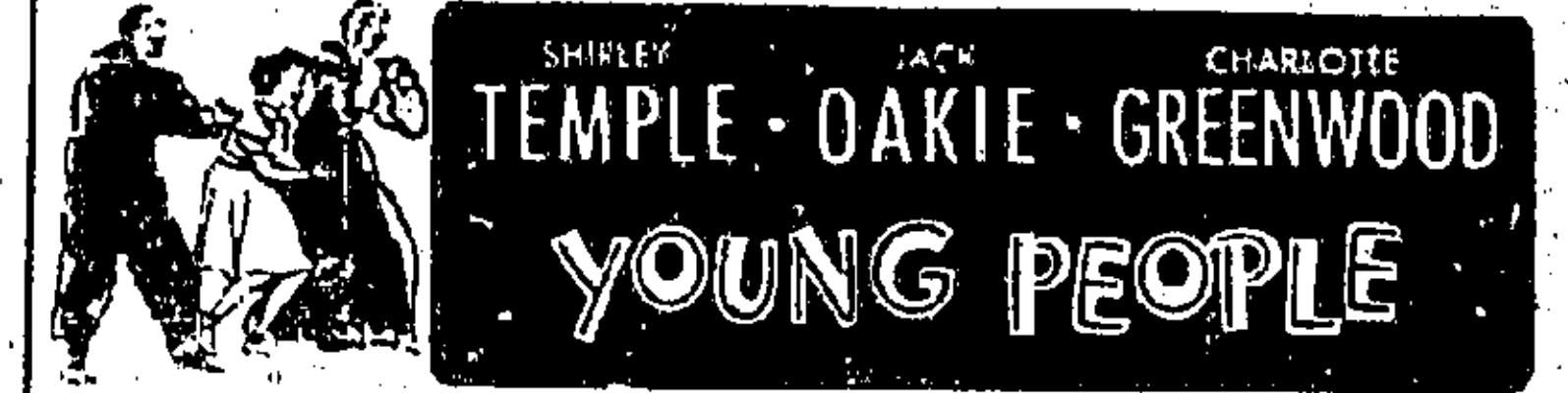
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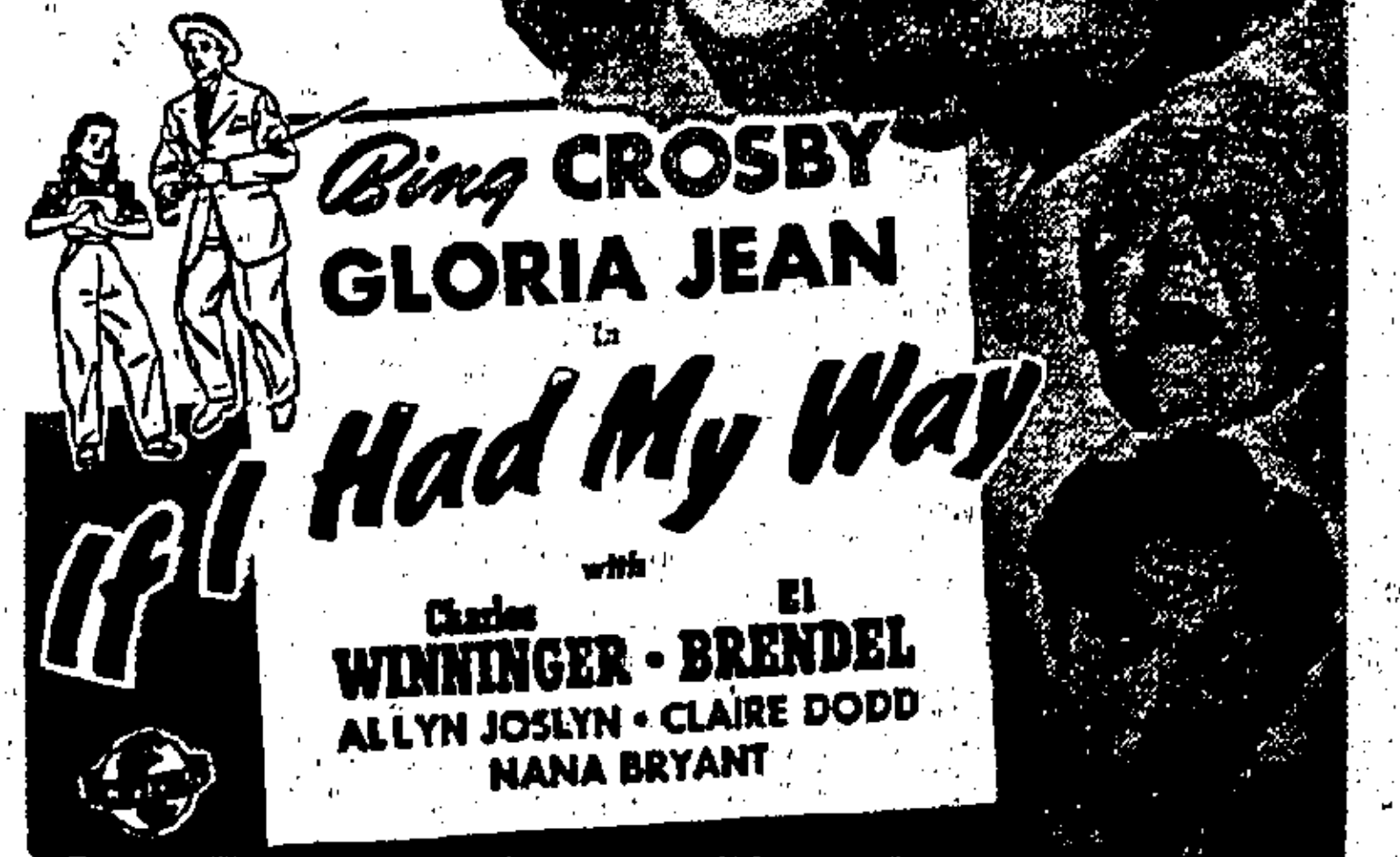
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EYE-WITNESS TALES OF GREAT MEDITERRAN'N BATTLE

Italian Retaliation Hopes Blasted By The Lightning Fire Of British Warships

ALEXANDRIA, April 3 (Reuter)—Eye-witness stories of the great Mediterranean battle were given yesterday by officers in the battleships Barham and Valiant and the cruiser Gloucester. Writes Reuter's correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet.

These made clear that the lightning broadsides from our battleships nipped in the bud any hopes the Italians may have had of hitting back. The Italian cruisers, Zara and Fiume, received broadsides from the Barham and Valiant within a few seconds of sustaining direct hits from the Warspite.

Captain G. C. Cooke of the Barham, shooting of the Italians. The ham compared the battleships Gloucester is keeping shell splinters which used six-inch as well as 15-inch guns to a "team of three perfectly trained boxers." The Barham's first broadside scored a direct hit under the bridge of one cruiser and the second caused a series of explosions.

As this cruiser then began burning furiously from bow to stern, the Barham shifted her fire to the second ship in the line which was already burning. She received a broadside near the waterline. The fire aboard her became so fierce that a further target was sought but none was found.

An eye-witness said that the cruiser's guns remained pointing fore and aft throughout the action. The only fire they put up came from Breda guns with tracer shells from anti-aircraft armament.

BEST NIGHT SHOOT

Commissioned Gunner Edwards of the Barham described the broadsides as the "best night shoot I have ever seen." He told how for many years the British Navy constantly practised night actions.

Captain Cooke spoke in the highest praise of every man in his ship, including the cook, who continued to serve food.

Aboard the Gloucester, 1 was told how the Gloucester, Orion, Ajax and Perth contacted the enemy warships throughout last Friday while they endeavoured to lure them in the direction of the British Fleet.

The officers of the Gloucester, and Orion testified to the good

MATSUOKA, POPE EXCHANGE VIEWS

Gold Medal Presented To Japanese Diplomat

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—Mr. Matsuoka revealed yesterday to Pressmen at Villa Madama where he was staying that he may visit occupied France on his way home.

He added that he would take advantage of his return journey to stay in Germany as a private citizen as he was anxious to come in closer contact with the population.

He emphasised his intention of personally informing himself of "the true situation in Europe."

Mr. Matsuoka had a further talk with Signor Mussolini after luncheon in the presence of Count Ciano.

RELIGIOUS ISSUE

At the meeting of Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope earlier only religious and moral issues were discussed, state Vatican circles.

The Pope set forth the views of the present situation, Mr. Matsuoka listening with a great deference of attention.

The Japanese Foreign Minister then gave the Japanese viewpoint.

GOLD MEDAL

Before Mr. Matsuoka left, the Pope presented him with a gold medal.

Mr. Matsuoka subsequently talked with Cardinal Maglione Papal Secretary of State for nearly an hour.

Mr. Matsuoka said afterwards that he was tremendously impressed by the Pope.

He is leaving Rome today.

ITALIAN U-BOAT DESTROYED

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—A British submarine officially reports that she had sunk in the Mediterranean an Italian U-Boat and an Italian tanker, the Laura Corrado, of 3,645 tons.

KING GEORGE'S MESSAGE

ALEXANDRIA, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—King George of England yesterday sent the following message to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, C.-in-C. of the Mediterranean Fleet: "My heartfelt congratulations to all ranks and ratings under your command on your great victory."

"NUISANCE" RAIDERS

SMALL SCOTTISH VILLAGE BOMBED

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—Some activity by single enemy aircraft over the east coast of England and Scotland was all that the Air Ministry reported last night.

At a place in East Anglia and a village on the north-east coast of Scotland, it says, some damage was done to industrial buildings and there was a small number of casualties of which very few were fatal.

Elsewhere there was little damage and no casualties were reported.

One enemy aircraft was destroyed by British fighters in the morning.

NAZI EXODUS FROM RUHR DISTRICT

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—It is learned in Czechoslovak quarters in London that the Slovak authorities in Bratislava have been ordered by the Germans to find billets for 35,000 German children who are to be evacuated from the Ruhr district in view of the devastating effects of British air raids.

The Germans have already ruthlessly taken away a greater part of foodstuffs produced in Slovakia where an acute food shortage prevails.

REINS OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE HANDS OF THE GESTAPO

BOSTON, April 3 (Reuter)—Following Britain's smashing defeats of the Italians in Africa and the Mediterranean, Italy's internal regime has fallen almost completely under Nazi control, declares Mr. F. R. Davies, Christian Science Monitor's Rome correspondent, on returning home after expulsion from Rome.

Italy's chief centres of power are now in the hands, not of the troops as most people imagine, but of the Gestapo. "When I left Italy late in February, revolution had already occurred and been won by the Germans, who carried through plans so secretly that most Italians did not know what happened."

The beginnings of Nazi infiltration were traceable before Italy entered the war and all through Italy's military collapse the Gestapo coolly went on maturing its plans.

"The Italian Government nearly fell apart under the shock of the Libyan defeat and the wheels of Government almost came to a standstill. Power came to the Germans by default merely by staying at the posts they had already occupied."

WHOLESALE PURGE

With the Germans still rolling, continues Mr. Davies, wholesale purge of Fascist Party officials occurred, province by province. It was the zealous and patriotic type of official, potentially if not actually anti-German, who suddenly found he had resigned and enlisted for duty at the front.

The Italians were mostly too occupied by the war to see what was occurring and those who did said they were powerless to prevent it.

Everyone in Rome realised the African Empire was breaking up. Most of the Ministers had been shipped off to the front and those remaining found Signor Mussolini would not see them.

Revolutionary plots were ripening like oranges, Mr. Davies declares, and Signor Mussolini was experiencing a personal crisis just then with effects similar to a serious breakdown.

REICH'S BEST FRIEND

The degree of the Duce's recovery is still in doubt. He has quite lost his customary grip on himself and on the Government, Signor Mussolini is now Germany's best friend in Italy and he clings to the hope of an ultimate Nazi victory as the only chance of saving himself.

Nazi "Fifth Column" Expert Arrives In South America

NEW YORK, April 3 (Reuter)—Herr von Rieth, who as the former German Minister in Vienna took an active part in the abortive revolt against Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934, recently arrived in South America and is now in Chile. It is learned from circles here in close touch with events in Latin America.

Accompanied by General Niedenfuhr, the South American specialist of the German Secret Service, he is understood to be making it his special business to stir up hostility to the United States in the southern hemisphere.

Herr von Rieth has already made himself conspicuous through his activities in the Argentine where, with the active help of the local German and Italian fifth columnists, he tried to play up to the nationalist feeling of the Argentinians against the United States and Britain.

It is recalled that in the first abortive attempt to destroy unity in Austria, von Rieth conspired with Rintelen, then Austrian Minister in Rome, against Chancellor Dollfuss. When on July 25, 1934, Nazi fifth columnists dressed as policemen and members of the Austrian armed forces stormed the Chancellery and shot Dollfuss, von Rieth appeared in front of the Prime Minister's headquarters and openly negotiated on behalf of the insurgents with Dr. Fey, Minister of the Interior.

SANCTUARY PROMISED

He suggested that the revolt should be called off (it, in the meantime, had failed in the provinces) on condition that the safe conduct of the Chancellor's murderers for whom von Rieth promised sanctuary in Germany.

The offer was rejected by President Miklas, who said that it was extraordinary for the diplomatic representative of a friendly neighbouring state to act as parliamentarian on behalf of men who had just killed the Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

As the revolt had failed in any case, von Rieth was called immediately by Hitler, who disclaimed responsibility for the uprising.

Since then, little has been heard of von Rieth who, however, appears to have been the head of the special section of the German Foreign Office in charge of fifth columns where he enjoyed the high rank of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

DEFENCE OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

U.S. COLLABORATION WITH MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—United States-Mexico collaboration for the defence of the Western Hemisphere is visualised in a message sent by President Roosevelt yesterday to the Senate asking it to ratify the new agreement between the United States and Mexico for reciprocal use of airfields belonging to each nation which was signed here on Tuesday.

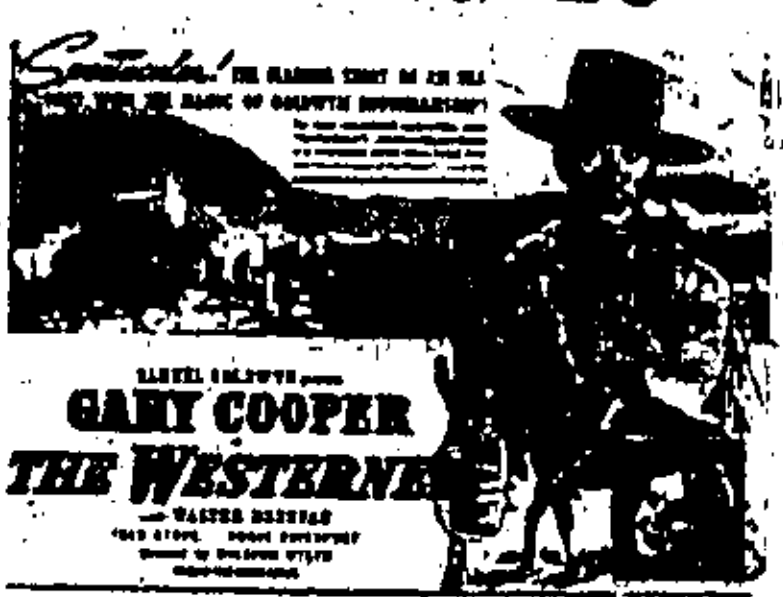
President Roosevelt says the agreement was concluded in view of the exceptional circumstances which had arisen from the present European conflict, "and takes into consideration the necessity of ensuring conditions of maximum speed for the movements of aviation required in the defence of the American continent."

"Its purpose is to organise substantial and efficient collaboration between the United States and Mexico in preparations for the defence of the Western Hemisphere."

DEFENCE CHIEFS

Three Defence Chiefs—General Marshall, Chief of Staff, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations and Major-General Thomas Holcomb, Commandant of Marines Corps—were later asked to attend the conference.

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TEA "RAID" ON HOLLAND

GIFTS FROM DUTCH PLANTERS IN N.E.I.

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—Departing from its pamphlet policy, the R.A.F. recently released over the Occupied Netherlands 75,000 bags of the finest Dutch Indies tea, each containing about an ounce, Reuter learns from Dutch sources.

On the label attached to each bag was printed the Netherlands flag with the words: "The Netherlands will rise again. Greetings from the Free Netherlands East Indies! Chins up!"

The tea was a present from Dutch Indies tea planters, who asked the Netherlands Colonial Office to pass it on in this way. The Dutch news agency says: "Never have the Dutch people so gratefully received a gift from the Dutch Indies, especially as it is almost impossible to get an ounce of tea in Dutch shops."

GIFT FROM N.Y.

LONDON, April 3 (British Wireless)—Among recent gifts for the purchase of aircraft acknowledged by the Minister for Aircraft Production is 25,000 from the Litter Trade Association of New York.

Dairy Farm Milk Sales Touch New High Level

SATISFACTORY YEAR REPORTED BY CHAIRMAN AT ANNUAL MTG.

The purchase last year of 187 Dairy animals at a cost of \$178,628.72 was referred to at the annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Ltd. yesterday by the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, in his speech.

This was one of the heaviest purchases made by the Company in any one year of its existence, Mr. Pearce said, but it was fully justified as Milk sales touched a new high level, being over 1,000,000 bottles up on 1939. The animals were imported from Canada, Australia and the United States of America.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce presided at the meeting, supported by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. L. J. Davies and Mr. D. L. Newbigging, Directors, Mr. J. D. Thompson, Manager, and Mr. G. Milne, Secretary.

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. Owen-Hughes, W. MacFarlane, A. D. Wylie, D. McFarren, P. Morphey and G. C. Blake.

The Chairman said: "Before proceeding with the business of the Meeting I wish to make reference to the death since our last Annual General Meeting of Mr. A. B. Stewart. Mr. Stewart served on the Board for many years and was Chairman on several occasions. He took a very keen interest in the Company and his passing is to be greatly regretted."

"The Profit on Working Account for the year amounted to \$960,933.94. As compared to last year this figure is less by \$45,140.55 and included in the Accounts is our subscription of \$15,000.00 to the 'South China Morning Post War Fund.'"

"The balance of Profit and Loss Account at \$451,849.05 is however \$103,170.57 less than the figure shown in last year's Accounts."

WAR TAXATION

"You will observe the item—Reserve for War Taxation 1940/1941 \$60,000.00, and I would explain that since the closing of the books a payment of \$54,000.00 against this has been made to Government. The Reserve has been made necessary, as certain items are still under discussion with the Taxation Department."

"Interest at \$48,905.69 is some \$25,000.00 up on the previous year but Repairs and Renewals at \$58,373.29 show a reduction of \$20,000.00. Needless to say our Buildings, Machinery and other depreciable assets are being maintained in the usual high state of repair and efficiency."

"On the other side of Profit and Loss Account credit amounting to \$17,525.30 has been taken in respect of Unclaimed Dividends forfeited. This amount represents Dividends unclaimed up to and including those declared in 1937."

DEPRECIATION

"Depreciation amounting to \$227,576.21, is on the usual scale but none has been charged against those assets which were not employed during the year and to which I shall later make reference. As I previously mentioned the balance of Profit and Loss Account amounts to \$451,849.05."

"To this has to be added \$35,367.57 brought forward from last year, making a total of \$537,216.57, from which has to be deducted the Interim Dividend of 50 cents per share amounting to \$146,667.50 paid in September last, leaving for appropriation the sum of \$390,549.07."

"Your Directors propose to deal with this balance as follows:

Pay a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 293,335 shares—\$293,335.

Add to Cattle Reserve \$25,000. Carry Forward \$72,214.07. Total: \$390,549.07.

"I trust these allocations of the amount available will have your approval."

"Although there is no bonus to be paid Shareholders, the amount being distributed is only \$36,666.88 less than was the case last year, as a full dividend is payable on the 41,805 new shares issued in 1939."

CATTLE ACCOUNT

"Turning to the Balance Sheet, I would call your attention to Cattle Account and in the first place to the item 'added this year'. The figure of \$178,628.72 represents the cost of 187 Dairy animals which we imported from Canada, Australia and the United States of America."

"This is the heaviest purchase made by the Company in any one year of its existence but was fully justified, as Milk sales touched a new high level, being over 1,000,000 bottles up on 1939. Sales and Deaths at \$145,205.00 repre-

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Cheung Man, 37, coolie, was sent for trial on a charge of indecently assaulting a 13-year-old boy, when hearing was concluded before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

The prosecution was conducted by Sub-Inspr. F. W. Fowle, assisted by Det. Sgt. R. Macvey.

Sub-Inspr. Fowle said that on the night of Mar. 11, the boy was sleeping in front of a shop in Queen's Road West, when he was awakened by defendant at 2.30 a.m. and asked by the latter to sleep with him whereupon complainant refused.

Defendant then told him that he could get employment for him and they went together to Wilmer Street, where defendant slept. Some time later, Constable Ghulam Rasul, on duty nearby, heard cries.

Dr. Ling Ke-dieh, of Queen Mary Hospital, gave evidence of the result of his examinations of both complainant and defendant.

UTTERING ALLEGED

Further evidence was given before Mr. Lowry yesterday at the continued hearing of the committal case in which Lui Fook-wing, alias Kong Keung, 45, broker, Li Wah-sing, alias Li Pang, 37, unemployed, are charged with uttering a forged document on June 18, 1940, purporting to be the will of the late Lau Mau, obtaining a loan of \$3,000 on mortgage of the property mentioned in the will, and causing rent on the property to be collected, knowing the will to have been forged.

First defendant is additionally charged with making a false affirmation at the Supreme Court in a petition for probate and conspiring with others to forge the document.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn, conducted the prosecution, while both defendants were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Further hearing was fixed for 1.30 a.m. on Apr. 17.

OFFICE BOY FINED

Ng Chi-hon, 27, a messenger of the Immigration Office, was fined \$25 by Mr. Lowry yesterday for obtaining money by false pretences.

Det. Sub-Inspr. J. O'Donovan said that defendant's wife had given him \$25 to repay to the Immigration Office and he had already done so.

"It is a serious charge, because it is larceny by a public servant," added the Inspector.

FORGED BANKNOTES

Appearing before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on charges of unlawful possession of forged banknotes, Kwan Kan, 74, unemployed, and Li Ah-fung, 31, married woman, were remanded until Saturday for making further enquiries.

Kwan was alleged to have in possession one forged five-yuan Bank of Communications note at No. 2 Police Station on April 1 and Li six five-yuan Central Bank of China notes at No. 186, Johnston Road, second floor.

Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison is in charge of the case.

JAPANESE VICTIMISED

Chan Kam-hoi, 18, unemployed, of no fixed abode, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on a charge of stealing two overcoats and a blanket, to the value of \$117, the property of Hanlo Kagama, 24, and Ureko Machiami, 19, both spinsters, at the Onitose Hotel, Kennedy Road, on April 2. Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Defendant admitted having one previous conviction.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

Det. Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

The report and accounts, Mr. J. Owen-Hughes remarked last taken all in all a Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account of over half a million dollars for the year—a year of many difficulties and uncertainties—was very satisfactory.

The adoption of the report and accounts was carried unanimously.

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

(The re-election of the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce and the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields as Directors was proposed by Mr. W. MacFarlane, seconded by Mr. McFerran, and carried.)

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth Fleming were re-elected auditors, proposed by Mr. Wylie and seconded by Mr. Morphey.

SNATCHER CONVICTED

Pleading guilty to stealing a blue leather handbag from the person of Han Kwei-chin, 32, married woman, of No. 2, Woodland Terrace, first floor, at Aberdeen Street, near Calne Road, on March 30, Tang Cheong, 17, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

Det. Sgt. J. MacDonald, prosecuting, stated that defendant had two previous convictions.

AT KOWLOON

SOLICITING

Convicted on a charge of soliciting for an immoral purpose, Li Chung, 47, described as a cook at No. 19, Peak Mansions, was fined \$50 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Baysting prosecuted.

WOMAN JUMPS BAIL

Chu Lun-hung, 42, mistress of the Lee Man Firewood Shop at No. 54, Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, was charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with selling firewood at a price other than that fixed by Government.

Falling to appear in Court, accused had her bail of \$25 estreated.

BLACK-OUT SUMMONSES

Several summonses for black-out offences from Yau-mat and Sham-shui-po districts were heard before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

Sze To, Manager of Messrs. John Manners and Company, was fined \$10.

Fines ranging from \$5 to \$10 were imposed on other offenders.

WOMEN FINED

Eight Chinese women were charged before Mr. Macnamara yesterday with trespassing in No. 9A Plantation, Tai-po Road.

Three defendants, who were not on bail, were fined \$2 or 14 days in prison, while others were fined \$2 each.

UNAUTHORISED COLLECTION

Six months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion, was imposed by Mr. Macnamara yesterday on Tang Wong, who was convicted on three charges of obtaining money by false pretences.

Det. Sgt. A. Shaw said that defendant went to the Warner Cafe, near Boundary Street, on Mar. 3 and asked the manager to subscribe to form a club for the Sanitary Department. Accused said that he had the authority of the Sanitary Department, was collecting the money on behalf of the Sanitary Department.

INDIAN ON CAPITAL CHARGE

Committal proceedings of the case in which Bawa Singh, 65-year-old watchman of Messrs. Arnold and Company, was charged with murdering a woman, Li Fong, was concluded before Mr. Anderson yesterday when defendant was committed to the next Criminal Sessions.

Giving evidence, Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey said that he took accused to hospital since he (accused) had a few cuts on his hand.

Crossed examined by defendant, Inspector Carey said that he did not bring defendant to the deceased for identification for she was unconscious at the time.

Defendant then elected to make a statement. He said that he was going back to the factory on the night in question.

He heard shouting for help and as he approached he saw two or three men running away from the deceased. He added that he carried the deceased to the pavement and washed the wounds for her. He said that he had tried his best to save the deceased.

D. O. SOUTH

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Cheung Sai-lo and Lau Hing appeared before Mr. S. F. Balfour charged with breaking into two military pill-boxes, Nos. 415 and 416, in Tsun Wan.

Twelve boxes of ammunition were discovered missing when Major J. Browning inspected all the pill-boxes on Mar. 1.

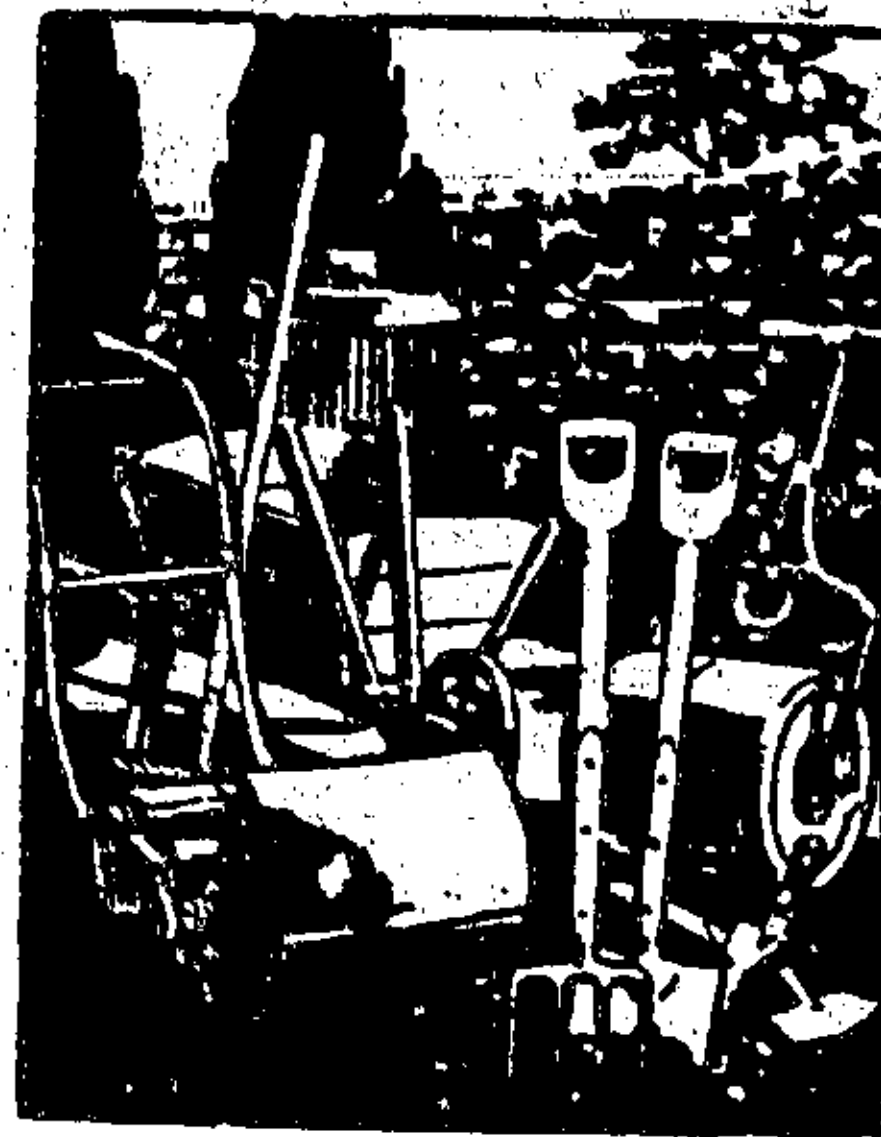
The defendants were committed to the next Criminal Sessions.

JAPANESE WAR DEAD CREMATED

Indicative of the heavy losses suffered by the Japanese during their recent operations in the Pakhoi region, the Japanese military hospital at Hohow, Hainan Island, is packed with casualties.

In addition, more than 400 war dead were recently cremated in the outskirts of Hohow and their ashes shipped back to Japan for burial. (Central News).

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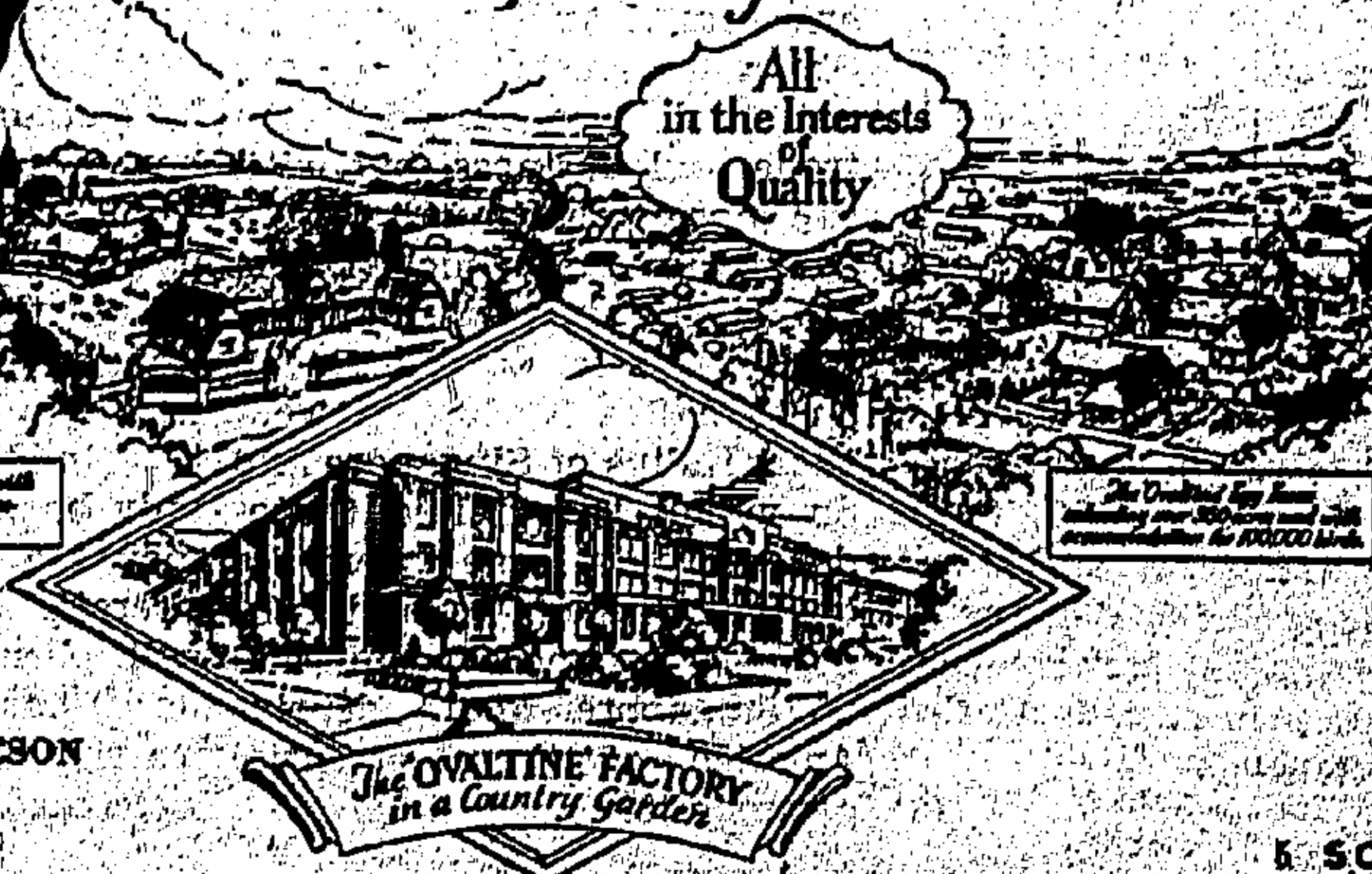
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CAPT. FALLS FORESEES A SHORT PAUSE IN NAZI MOVES IN BALKANS

The events of last Thursday in Yugoslavia did not necessarily mean a declaration of hostility towards Germany, but it did mean that Yugoslavia repudiated what was obviously the interpretation that Germany wanted to put on the pact that was signed," said CAPT. CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of THE TIMES, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

"This was that Yugoslavia should be used as a tool for the subjugation of Greece and that she should enter the 'New Order' as a slave state," continued Capt. Falls. "There was no outstanding effort to give her a more favourable position after the war."

GERMAN REACTION

Yugoslavia is determined not to submit to this sort of German domination which is now being exercised in Rumania and Bulgaria. What they want is honour and freedom rather than submission to Germany. How, therefore, is Germany going to take this rebuff?

"She is, of course, using her propaganda to frighten the Yugoslavians. What will she do if her propaganda fails? She might resort to attack for which she is pretty well placed from the strategic point of view, but it is doubtful whether she can launch such an attack without more preparation."

"A major offensive to overthrow Yugoslavia, therefore, is a possibility, but it will take a very far-sighted man to prophesy its final development. It may result in the opening up of an eastern front against Germany and that is something that Germany dislikes. It is something that she disliked when this war broke out, but it is what she did accomplish because Britain was unprepared and could not give much help to Poland."

THE ALTERNATIVE

"Today, Britain is able to give a considerable amount of assistance

IMMINENT FALL OF MASSAWA EXPECTED

ITALIAN FORCES IN FULL FLIGHT

CAIRO, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The fall of Massawa, the Eritrean naval base on the Red Sea, is expected at any moment, a British military spokesman said here last night.

After the capture of Asmara, the Italian forces are making no attempt to defend the port. They have taken the main road to the south and are at present in full retreat, closely pursued by the Imperial forces and suffering from hammering by the Royal Air Force.

"MOP UP FIRST"

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—"I think that we had better just go on mopping up Abyssinia further," said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons yesterday when asked whether any invitation had been received from the Negus to take over the administration of any part of Abyssinia.

Mr. Butler emphasised that the British Government had no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia.

POST CARD SERVICE FOR MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—It was announced yesterday that a special airmail Post Card Service was being introduced for the personnel of the British Forces serving in the Middle East.

Post cards will be carried all the way by air to the bases in the Middle East where they will be delivered by the Army Postal Service.

NAVAL UNITS IN COLLISION

A collision occurred between light naval units exercising off Hongkong on the night of April 1-2.

Leut.-Cmdr. J. C. Boldero, D. S. C., R. N., was injured and was rushed to the Naval Hospital, where he is making satisfactory recovery.

AXIS PROTEST REJECTED

United States Seizure Of Vessels

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has decided to reject the German and Italian demands for the release of the seized Axis ships, it is understood.

Asked at a press conference whether there was any present intention of releasing the ships as demanded by the Axis protest note, Mr. Hull said he had not heard of it in Government quarters.

When United States replied to the protests, he added, the State Department would probably take up with the Italian and German Embassies the question of publishing correspondence.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The right of the United States under International Law to requisition the 28 Italian, two German and 39 Danish ships, of which the authorities took charge on Sunday, was maintained, by Professor Goodhart, an authority on International Law, broadcast last night in the B.B.C. Home news.

Every nation has the right, if it is in pressing need of ships, to requisition foreign vessels in its territorial waters subject to payment of fair compensation, he said.

Italy in 1915 seized 37 German ships although the countries were then at peace. Portugal, Brazil, Peru and Spain took similar action.

VON HEEREN TO STAY IN BERLIN

GERMAN MILITARY ACTION DELAYED

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—Herr Victor von Heeren, the German Minister to Yugoslavia now in Berlin, is not expected to return to Belgrade though official intimation of the rupture of Yugoslav-German relations will probably be delayed, says the Berlin correspondent of the Aftonbladet.

He adds that any German military action will probably require some weeks of preparation.

Meanwhile the uncertainty about the Yugoslav situation has compelled Italy to re-group her forces as a precaution against the threat of a new front in Albania, according to the correspondent.

COMMONS STATEMENT

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—Cheers greeted Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, yesterday in the House of Commons when he said that the Yugoslav situation had completely altered his last statement by the establishment, without any internal disorder, of a new government.

Mr. Butler added: "The House will have noted, with gratification the Order of the Day of General Simovitch in which, after asking that false rumours should be ignored, General Simovitch said that his Government were pursuing a friendly policy to all their neighbours."

Mr. Butler added that the British Government were in full and friendly relations with the new Yugoslav Government.

GERMAN ATROCITY CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The atrocity campaign against Yugoslavia on the German wireless showed signs of increasing intensity last night.

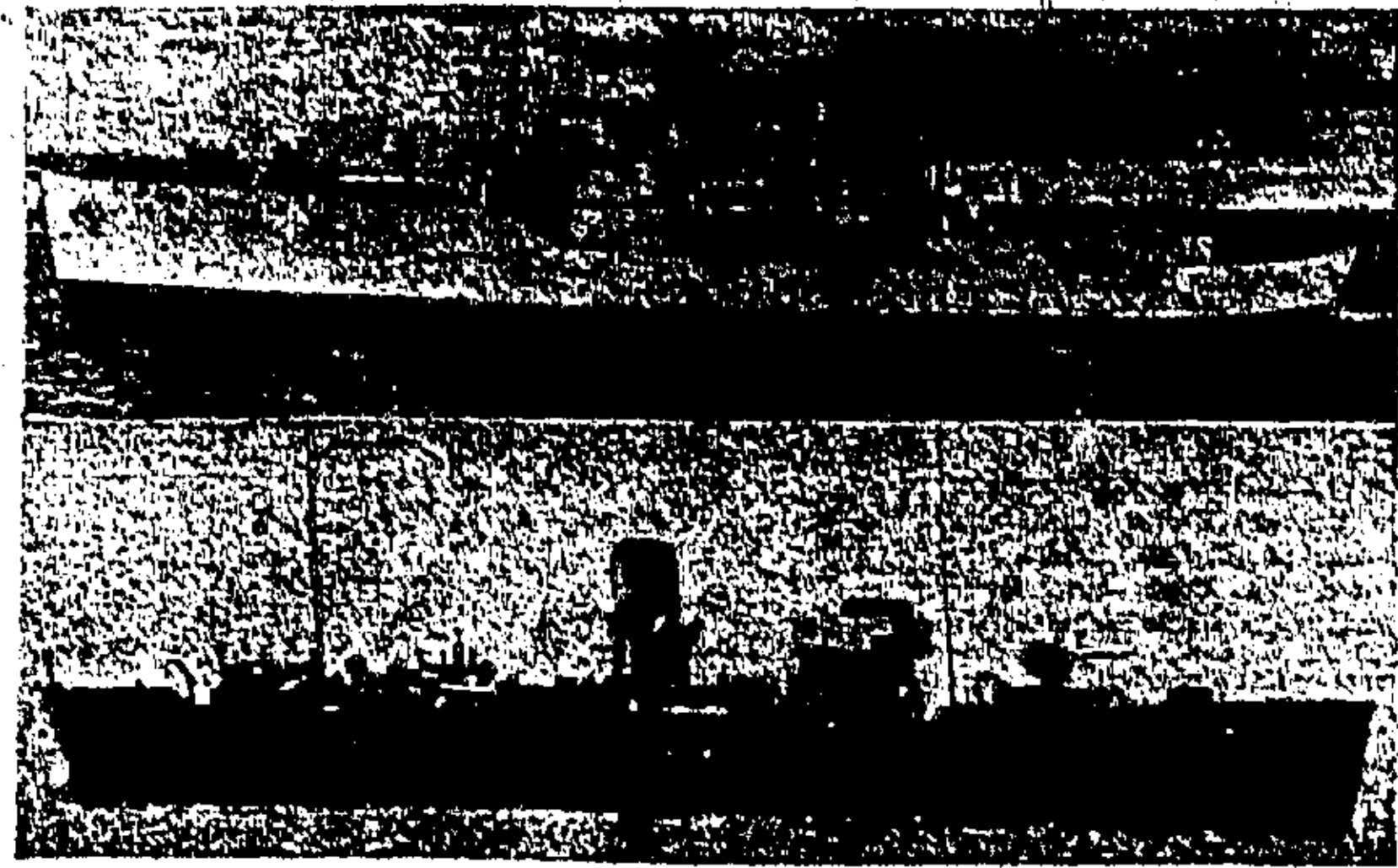
The most extravagant allegations regarding treatment by the Serbs of German refugees, said to be arriving in train-loads at Graz, Austria, are made on the alleged authority of the refugees themselves.

JAPANESE TAKE JUNK LICENCES

Japanese trawlers and warships have stopped and searched numerous junks off San Mei and Kit Shek recently, taking away licences from the masters of these boats.

Four reports of licences having been taken away in such manner were made to the Water Police in the course of yesterday by masters of junks registered in Hongkong.

Nizam's Gift For Purchase Of A Corvette



CORVETTES FOR CONVOY AND PATROL DUTY

Here are photos of the small, fast type of craft especially designed for anti-submarine work and general escort duty. Canada began building 70 of these ships for the Empire's sea lanes a few months ago. All but a few will be launched by the end of May.

The Nizam of Hyderabad has sent £150,000 to the Viceroy of India to be sent to the British Government for the purchase of a corvette, states a message from London.

(A corvette is a small, fast type of craft especially designed for anti-submarine work and general escort duty.)

The Nizam has, in addition, sent a gift of £10,000 for the purchase of aircraft.

The Maharajah of Bukhar has sent £1,000 for the relief of air raid victims. He previously sent £1,000 last September.

In sending these gifts the Maharajah wrote, "the indomitable spirit of the people of the British Isles against the indiscriminate Nazi bombing has evoked the genuine admiration everywhere. As a token of my own sympathies for those who are in distress I am sending you another £1,000."

MADRAS WAR FUND—The Madras War Fund is expected to reach £75,000 on Saturday and celebrations are to be held in honour of it.

The total amount sent by voluntary contribution from the Ceylon War Fund is now three and a half million rupees.

Tea and rubber producers in Ceylon have contributed 100,000 rupees.

CANTON UNIVERSITY ENGLISH CLUB

At a meeting of the Canton University English Club on Saturday, it was decided to publish a special edition on April 8. This publication will be distributed to various cultural institutions in China as well as in foreign countries.

April 8 is the 2nd anniversary of the Canton University English Club, and the anniversary dinner party will be held at the Cafe Windsor on April 8 at 1 p.m.

MARINERS WARNED

All craft are warned to give a wide berth to a diver's barge, to be marked with a large red flag, in harbour as from April 7.

British Saving Man-Power In African Drives

British operations in Italian East Africa are being conducted in a manner apparently designed to conserve man power for possible use elsewhere, writes J.W.T. Mason in the Manila Bulletin. The mountainous character of much of the terrain precludes blitzkrieg tactics and slower processes are essential if reckless and costly drives are to be avoided.

The British are fighting on five fronts in this area. They are conducting two movements in Eritrea, one from the west and one from the north.

TWO MORE DRIVES

They have two more drives under way in Ethiopia, one from the west and one from the south. Their fifth front is in Italian Somaliland, where they moved east from northern Kenya to the Indian Ocean.

Each offensive is independent, although the two pushes in Eritrea are designed to converge against the Italians defending the approaches to Asmara, the capital. In this region the Italians have been showing more obstinacy than elsewhere because of the excellent defenses provided by rough, mountainous positions.

The major Ethiopian offensive, is moving into the interior from the west. It has special importance for the British because the center of operations is near Lake Tana, source of the Blue Nile.

LAKE TANA VITAL

Italian possession of Lake Tana has been one of the reasons why the British regarded Mussolini's occupation of Ethiopia with suspicion. The Nile is the life stream of Egypt and control of its source in the hands of an unfriendly country might lead to riparian operations detrimental to the full flow of water along the Nile's course.

With Lake Tana now coming under British authority, a victory of considerable importance for Egypt is being won. In one way or another Lake Tana is sure to find itself protected by the British after the war is over if British war aims control the peace settlement.

USE OF TRIBESMEN

The British are skillfully utilizing the tribesmen in western Ethiopia for action around Lake Tana. These natives never have fully accepted Italian rule and are among the best warriors in Africa. They are now supplied with equipment from British supplies and their support allows General Wavell to use his white troops sparingly.

R.A.F. MUST WAIT BEFORE HITTING HARD AT REICH

LONDON, March 24.—The RAF is hitting at Germany harder, but there are three reasons why at the moment it cannot do so very often, writes Ralph Walling in the Manila Bulletin.

As they were outlined to me in London today, they constitute a policy of "first things first," with the promise that the RAF will carry the air war into Hitler's country on a growing scale.

It will thereby implement what is recognised today to be the most effective means of hammering at the Nazis.

THREE REASONS

The three reasons are, first, diversion; second, the weather; and third, the state of Britain's bomber strength.

Now that the German air force is being used in support of its navy in an "all-out" bid to starve Britain of food supplies, it follows that a part of the RAF offensive strength must be diverted to counteract this threat by raiding the enemy's sea and air bases and other decisive points in the struggle.

MUST MAKE UP SHORTAGE

The shortages in Britain's front-line bomber strength must be made good before the prime minister's assurance that he is "arranging" that "presently" the disparity between the RAF bombing of Germany and the Luftwaffe raiding of Britain will be rather the other way round can be fulfilled.

It will take time before the RAF, facing for one thing a more distant and much bigger target, can hope to unload the same tonnage of bombs on Germany as the Germans unload on Britain.

NEW FACTORS

But here are some new and encouraging factors which should be borne in mind.

The new British bombers are faster than ever. This will offset the shortening hours of the summer nights, and it should enable the winter bombing campaign in Germany to be carried on with much the same strength.

The families of German workers continue to be evacuated from the much bombed Ruhr area and other Nazi cities and ports. Some are being sent to Austria, and others are coming west to occupied France.

NIGHT BLITZ CHECKED

The German night "blitz" on British ports has been checked for two nights in succession by the prevailing variable weather, which may eventually have the effect of upsetting the Nazi time-table.

The Nazi air formations, between 200 and 500 strong, are experiencing a heavy proportion of losses, observers are convinced.

German attacks on ports and other bottlenecks of American aid to Britain form the second essential part of a considered campaign to stop war supplies and food "somewhere, anywhere" between the producer overseas and the consumer here. The first essential is the U-boat campaign at sea.

The Luftwaffe's part in this blockade of Britain follows two big earlier failures: the first was to knock out the RAF, and the second was to break the people's morale.

RED ASSURANCE TO TURKEY

Britain Pleased With Soviet Declaration

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter)—The recent Turko-Soviet declaration contained the following passage: "Should Turkey in fact be the object of aggression and be involved in war in defence of her territory, Turkey could then, in accordance with the Turko-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact, count upon the full understanding and neutrality of the Soviet Government."

In giving this information in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said that he regarded this declaration of the Soviet Union in regard to Turkey as eminently satisfactory.

To other questions, Mr. Butler replied: "We always hope that such developments will draw the relations with the Soviet Government closer."

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WEEKLY RETURN

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Mar. 29, there were altogether 78 traffic accidents as the result of which two persons were killed and 19 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, two Chinese males, aged 61 and 22, were knocked down and killed by a tram and a bus respectively; the first was crossing the carriageway and the latter on falling off a bicycle on which he was a passenger.

Of 78 accidents, 36 were collisions between vehicles; 27 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

NEW TRAINING COLLEGE

Members of the Hongkong Branch of the China Education Society paid an informal visit to the Teachers' Training College on Wednesday.

The visitors were welcomed in a speech by the Director, Mr. T. R. Rowell, B. Sc., Hon. Vice-President of the Education Society of the University of Hongkong.

The College is to be officially opened by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote on April 23 and will be known, it was learned, as the Northcote Training College.

Imperial War Council

FORMATION MOOTED IN HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—The formation of an Imperial War Council, consisting of the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Dominions, Southern Rhodesia or their representatives, a representative of India and representatives of the colonies and protectorates, was suggested by Lord Elibanks in the House of Lords yesterday.

Viscount Cranborne, Secretary of State for the Dominions, intimated that the Government opposed the suggestion as not at present practicable or possible. He added that there were doubtless circumstances and situations in which a conference of Dominion Prime Ministers might be of the utmost value.

A point might be reached in which we might be able to look more into the future than at present and at such a moment, an Imperial Conference might be essential.

In the Government's view, that moment had not yet come, but should the situation alter so as to make it possible to have such a conference, the Government would heartily welcome it.

BRITISH OFFICER PRISONERS

Transferred To Camps In Poland

LONDON, April 3 (Reuter)—Seven hundred British Officers, prisoners of war in Germany, have been transferred to camps in Poland (possessing inferior amenities) on the ground that conditions in an Officer's prison camp in Canada did not conform to that of the Prisoners of War Convention.

This was revealed by Mr. Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Law said that enquiries had shown allegations regarding the Canadian camp were completely unfounded and that the camp had been favourably reported on by the International Red Cross.

Strong representations, Mr. Law added, had been made to the German Government which he hoped would result in the return of the Officers to their original camp.

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From 4 to 10 Apr. 1941.

High WATER.		Low WATER.		Day of Week.	Date.
Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.		
Fri. 4	h. m. 08.44	h. m. 09.06	2.6		
	13.16	2.9	21.44		
Sat. 5	01.48	08.17	2.8		
	14.18	3.0	22.1		
Sun. 6	08.09	09.44	2.7		
	15.47	3.0	22.8		
Mon. 7	06.40	08.44	2.6		
	17.04	3.1	23.0		
Tue. 8	07.19	07.47	2.7		
	18.27	3.3	23.82		
Wed. 9	07.44	07.51	2.8		
	19.27	3.4	24.18		
Thur. 10	08.17	08.6	2.9		
	20.35	3.5	24.09		

HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF A. S. WATSON AND COMPANY, LTD.

Best Report On Record At Annual Meeting

"This year, marking as it does the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the business, it gives me added pleasure to be in a position to present to shareholders so favourable a Report—it is in fact our best on record," said MR. D. E. CLARKE when he presided at the annual meeting of A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD., held at the Jacobean Room, Hongkong Hotel, yesterday.

The Chairman was supported by Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. J. Scott-Harston, Mr. S. T. Williamson (Directors), Mr. Wm. Paterson (Secretary), and Messrs. A. V. van, Hooi Yip-beng, Peter Wong, W. T. Hansen, C. Bernard Brown, N. V. A. Croucher, J. E. Jupp, L. Guy, F. W. Stapleton, J. A. Tarrant, Wong Kin-tsoi and K. C. Mark.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said:—This year, marking as it does the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the business, it gives me added pleasure to be in a position to present to shareholders so favourable a Report—it is in fact our best on record.

MANY CHANGES

During the many years I have been associated with the Company—first of all in London and subsequently here—I have naturally witnessed many changes affecting the development of the Colony and, consequently, business life of this community. Like all other concerns our Company has on this account, experienced fluctuations of fortune and I can well recollect—about thirty years ago when the Company was undergoing one of its difficult periods—certain anonymous correspondence appeared in the local Press written, presumably, by a Shareholder to the effect that the Company was moribund and, consequently, should be wound up. Replying to this, the Chairman at that time—Mr. Henry Humphreys—not only convincingly refuted this contention, but additionally indicated that our business, far from being moribund as asserted, had on the other hand never been in a stronger financial position. All this, of course, is a matter of more or less ancient history.

LOUDER THAN EVER

It is nevertheless a source of pride and satisfaction to the Management to be able to state, without fear of contradiction, that the Company at the present time enjoys a far sounder standing than ever before. Regarding the future outlook, it is impossible for one to venture more than a guess, particularly in view of existing circumstances; I shall not therefore attempt anything of this nature, but I can rightly state that we enter on our second century of operations full of confidence concerning the years ahead.

As regards the various items detailed in the Balance Sheet, there is, included with our other Reserves, the sum of \$5,711.28 representing amounts recovered to date on outstanding which had previously been written off against the special allocation in 1938 of \$50,000 for Outstanding Accounts in China. It is possible that further amounts of this nature may be collected, in which event they will be credited in like manner. Also under "Liabilities" it will be observed that deduction of \$34,827.25 has been made from the Balance Brought Forward from the previous year of \$98,855.84, representing Corporation Tax on the Profits for the preceding period and paid to Government in December last.

HEAVIER STOCKS

On the Assets side of the Balance Sheet, the principal items calling for comment are "Stocks in Trade and Sundry Stores" which show increase of \$178,549.07. This, however, cannot be regarded as abnormal, in view of the volume of business now being handled also anticipated difficulties in the near future in obtaining necessary supplies of further stock requirements, owing to shortage of tonnage and other factors consequent on the prevailing situation.

AN HONEST DEBTOR

Before concluding my remarks, I feel it opportune to relate to you a pleasing incident that occurred in recent months when I received a letter addressed to me personally. On opening the envelope I was surprised to find \$2,000 in Bank notes with a covering letter in

Chinese which, on translation, indicated that the sender had transacted business with "Watson's" about 40 years ago but, unfortunately, his firm went into bankruptcy, owing our Company about \$1,500; continuing, the writer advised that subsequent to that time he had "made good" and, returning to the Colony on retirement, he had not forgotten this amount owed by him and consequently, in order to repay his debt plus interest, he now enclosed the aforesaid amount. We were unable to get in touch with the sender as no address was given, but in accordance with his suggestion we acknowledged this remittance in the local Chinese press. I trust you will agree with me that this gentleman's very worthy action deserves special mention.

STAFF QUARTERS REBUILT

Regarding the recommendations as to allocation of profits, you will observe that it is proposed to transfer \$100,000 to Building Improvements. Explaining our action in this matter, I would mention that our Hongkong properties include ten Chinese houses at Electric Road, North Point, near our Warehouse Department and Aerated Water Factory, which are utilised as staff quarters. These tenements are not only old, but generally dilapidated; consequently, it is our plan to remodel them almost entirely, modernising them in accordance with present day requirements. This work, I may add, has already been put in hand and these premises should be ready for occupation in a matter of four to five months' time.

NO CELEBRATIONS

Before closing my remarks, I should like again to refer to the Company's Centenary. To mark the occasion, it was originally intended arranging some form of celebration, but owing to the general world situation it is considered by your Directors and General Manager that anything of this nature would not be in accord with general opinion; consequently, the idea has been dropped, and I hope Shareholders will agree with me

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—
Dr. Tchong, 32 Village Road, from Stockholm; Mayes, c/o Gloucester Hotel, from Yokohama; Ha Kwong Yu, 5 Prince's Road, Kowloon, from Shanghai; K. W. Chun, Gloucester Hotel, from Shanghai; Tang Kwong, c/o Kwok Kow San, 14 Fung Fai Terrace, from Shanghai; Lui Wing Kair's Mother, 22 Sai Wu Lane, from Shanghai; Chan Man Tsun, 9 Kimberley Road, from Shanghai; Cheng Tung Ching, c/o Luk Kwok Hotel, from Shanghai; Wong Ye Kwan, c/o Wang Kook Sang, Phoenix Neon-Light Co., Kowloon, from Shanghai.

that this is the correct course to adopt in the circumstances.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. F. W. Stapleton, in seconding the proposal, said:—For many years now, it has been my pleasure, on a number of occasions, to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented by the Chairman of this Company and, once again, I have to congratulate the Management on the very excellent Report which has been placed before us, while I feel sure that Shareholders will also wish me to thank the Staff on their behalf, for the good work they have accomplished during the year.

It is a source of much satisfaction to know that the 'old firm' has reached its century full of vigour, with moribund tendencies still a very long way off.

CONFIDENT OF FUTURE

Despite the difficulties of present day trading conditions, I feel sure that all Shareholders will concur with our Chairman that we start on our second century with the knowledge that the Company now occupies an exceedingly sound position and, consequently, we can safely regard the future with hope and confidence.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Mr. J. Scott-Harston, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. Wm. Paterson were re-elected as Directors by a resolution proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown and Mr. S. T. Butler were unanimously re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at the same remuneration as hitherto, on the proposition of Mr. J. A. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. J. E. Jupp.

MYSTERY PLANE HITS & KILLS GIRL IN PHILIPPINES: THEN FLIES OFF UNIDENTIFIED

A freak accident, involving a "mystery" plane, took the life of a 14-year-old girl working on a sugar plantation in the Philippines on March 25, reports the Manila Bulletin.

The plane, apparently in trouble, swooped close enough to the ground to strike the girl, then flew off without landing to see what trouble had been caused.

The plane was not identified. There were about 100 cane planters working at Hacienda Luisita, in San Miguel, Tarlac, when the low-flying plane appeared.

It came over so fast and so close to the ground that fright apparently prevented any of them from being able to give the authorities a clear description of it. They said it was silver coloured.

UNABLE TO MOVE AWAY

The incident occurred at 9.30 a.m. The girl was helping the field workers and was unable to get out of the way quickly enough. There were two landing fields in the vicinity, but the pilot did not make for either one of them. One of the fields is a private one on the Hacienda Luisita itself. Another, about four kilometers away, is owned and operated by the bureau of aeronautics. It is near the Tarlac provincial government building.

FIRST REPORT

First report on the accident was received at Philippine Constabulary headquarters in Manila from Captain Patricio Guerrero, provincial inspector of the constabulary in Tarlac, Tarlac.

NOT ARMY PLANE

Major Charles Backes, chief of the PA air corps, was confident no Philippine Army plane was involved in the accident because no PA plane is painted silver and because no PA plane flew northward yesterday.

Identity of the plane was further shrouded in mystery when inquiries developed that no civilian plane was known to answer the description of the craft which figured in the accident.

Philippine pilots who heard of the accident were mystified as to how the plane failed to crash after the accident. These pointed out that after losing altitude, and flying so low as to hit a girl, the plane should have crashed after the impact.

ONLY REPORT

The report of Captain Guerrero, the only advice received in Manila on the accident, however, indicated that the plane flew on after hitting the girl. People in the cane field, were not able to notice its number and type.

Captain Guerrero's report read: "Low flying platinum (aluminum) painted airplane hit and instantly killed Eufrencia Bantigue, 14 years old, this morning about 9.30, while planting cane with about 100 labourers at Sitio Motreco, Hacienda Luisita, Tabacalera, Tarlac. Number and type of plane not identified."

RACE MEETING ENTRIES

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stakes. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in (about 1 mile 171 yards).

A Just Time, Anzac Day, Bona Vacantia, Corvette, Joan, Ophi, Seventy Six, Starlight View, Sydney Diamond, The Koala Bear, Tien Tien, Twinkling Star, Vitamin M, War Tax, Zadderday. 29 entries; 15 drawn.

8.—4 p.m.—Wattle Park H'cap.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$500. Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club only. Ponies classified "A" Class and Winners at this Meeting barred. Entrance \$5. Six furlongs.

A Surprising Time, Bendemeer, Black Seal, Corsair, Happy Returns, Jus. Gentium, King's Flight, Lex Fort, Mainsail, Manhattan, Maple Leaf, Moonlight, National Welfare, Optima Fide, Santa-Anita. 15 entries.

11.—5.30 p.m.—Coolgardie Stakes. Second Section.—Winner \$1,000. 2nd \$500. Third \$300. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight 142 lb. 1 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the two mile post once round and in (about 1 mile 171 yards).

Angel of Glory, Archer, Bendigo, Bugle, Corriedoo, Harmony, Star, Princess Adelaide, Saratoga, Seal River, Sports Lady, The Hawk, Trade Wind, Vigor, Wayworth. 29 entries; 14 drawn.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The Cholera Returns for the 24 hours ending at midnight on Wednesday shows an increase of four cases against the six notified as having occurred on Tuesday. Of the 10 cases reported five were from the Victoria Registration District, two from Old and New Kowloon and three from Aberdeen and Rural Hongkong.

Other Returns are as follows:—Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, 10 cases; Measles, eight cases; Tuberculosis, 29 cases.



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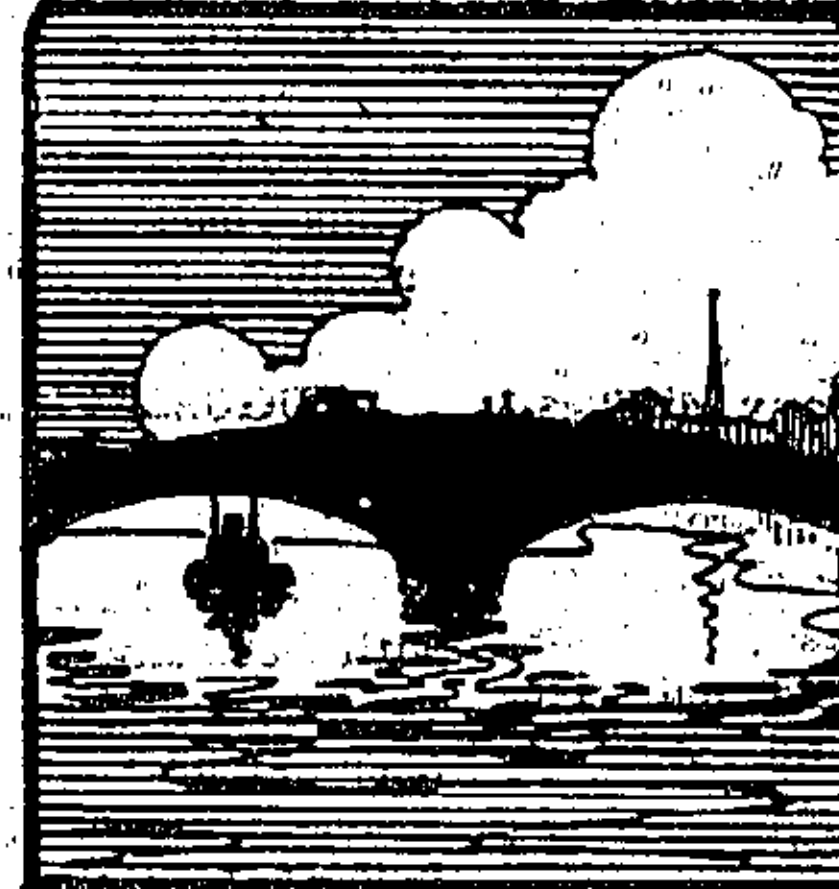
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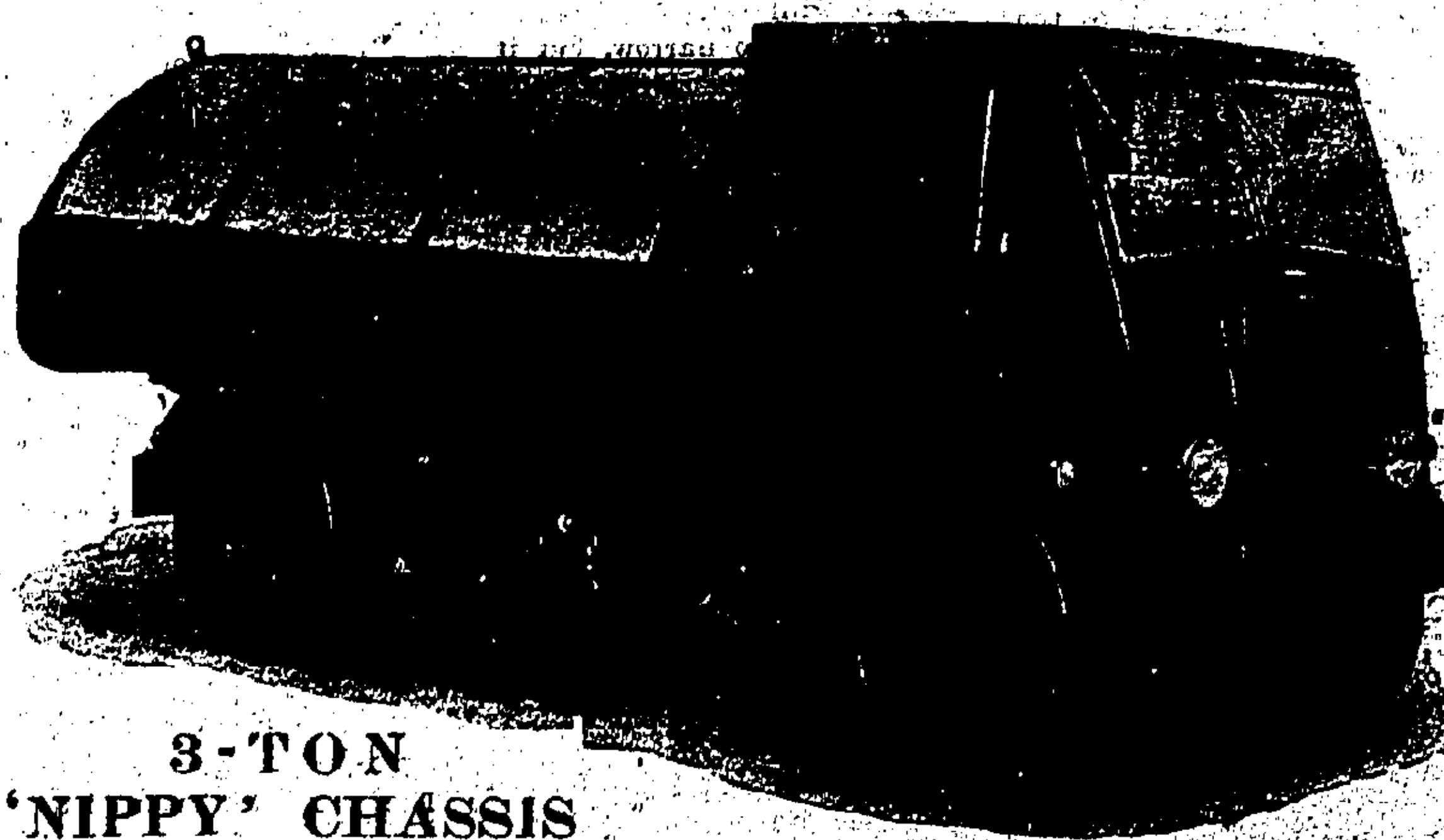
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Finance and Commerce

Increase In Profits

CHINESE ESTATES ANNUAL MTC.

A highly satisfactory year, resulting in an increase of \$24,288.98 in the net profits and the payment of a final dividend of \$2 (making a total of \$13 for the year) was reported by Mr. Leung Kwai-tin when he presided at the annual meeting of the Chinese Estates Limited, yesterday.

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Messrs. Lau Tak-po, Leung Tung-kai, Li Ka-sze, (Directors), Mr. Fung Ping-fan (Director and Secretary), Messrs. Li Po-kwai, Li Cheung, Li Ngai, Mok Han, Lo Kam-kwong, Li Cheong, Kenneth Fung, Mrs. Phoebe Hung, Miss Fung Ying and Chu, Leung Co.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

The net profit for the year, after providing for Reserve for Depreciation on China Building (\$30,000.00), Directors' and Auditor's Fees and all Expenses, amounts to \$180,510.08 which, added to \$127,889.92 brought forward from last account, shows a total of \$308,200.00.

A comparison with last year's figures reveals an increase in the net profit for the year by \$24,288.98 over that of the previous year. I trust that shareholders will consider this result satisfactory, bearing in mind that a sum of \$17,875.50 was paid in respect of War Taxation. It is also gratifying to note that, in spite of the erection in the neighbourhood of several new buildings suitable for offices, the demand for office-rooms in China Building remains undiminished, and that during the year under review all office rooms and shops were let. This is, no doubt, due to the advantageous positions of the building, and to the extensive structural improvements which have been effected in recent years.

The amount of \$30,000.00 provided for Reserve for Depreciation on China Building is \$20,000.00 less than that of the previous year. Shareholders may remember that, for 1938 and 1939 the amount annually provided for this purpose was \$30,000.00, but last year your Directors, having due regard to the uncertainty of the time, adopted the prudent policy of increasing the provision to \$50,000.00. However, the receipts of the past twelve months have shown an actual increase instead of a decrease; and your Directors, taking into consideration this fact, and also the facts that the Company has now to pay War Taxation amounting to nearly \$20,000.00 and that the amount standing to the balance of this Reserve has reached the sum of \$580,000.00, have decided to revert to the sum of \$30,000.00 as an appropriation for this head or expenditure. This action has the concurrence of the Auditor.

\$13 DIVIDEND

There have already been four payments of interim dividends, three of \$3 a share and one of \$2 a share, amounting in all to \$13 a share. Your Directors are now pleased to recommend a final dividend of \$2 a share, making in all \$15 a share for the year, as compared with \$10 a share for the previous year.

The reasons which prompted your Directors to pay such dividends and at such intervals are the exceptionally high cost of living that has been prevailing in the Colony, and the requests received from many shareholders to pay as many and as large dividends as the financial position of the Company would permit. Your Directors must, however, make it clear that these payments have been made in exceptional circumstances, and may not be possible in the future.

After payment of the final dividend, which absorbs \$33,000.00, there will be a balance of \$93,700.00, which your Directors propose, with your approval, to carry forward to new account.

It is with very deep regret that your Directors have to record the death in September last of Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., who was a founder of this Company, and whose advice and assistance had been invaluable to the Company. In recognition of Mr. Li's services,

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

The market continues firm and fairly active.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1350.
Bank of East Asia, \$71.
Canton Ins., \$225.
Wharves, \$38.
Providents, \$5.45.
Hotels X.D., \$3.
Lands, \$33.25.
Humphreys, \$6.80.
Realities, \$3.15.
Trams, \$16.60.
Yaumati Ferries, \$23.75.
Lights (O), \$6.20.
Lights (N), \$1.75.
Electricity (N), \$25.25.
Electricity Rts., \$15.25.
Macao Electric (O), \$18.50.
Macao Electric (N), \$17.50.
Telephones (O), \$23.50.
Telephones (N), \$9.0.
Cements, \$18.
Ropes, \$7.50.
Dairy Farms X.D., \$17.25.

SELLERS

Docks (O), \$16.25.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1365.
Union Ins., \$432.50.
Docks (O), \$16/16 15.
Providents, \$5.45/20.
Trams, \$16.75.
Yaumati Ferries, \$24.
Lights (O), \$6.20.
Electricity (O) X. Rts., \$26.30.
Watson X.D., \$9.90/10.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, April 3, 1941.

SALES

H.K. Banks, 3 \$1,365.00.
China Providents 500 5.47 1/2.
China Lights (O) 50 5.25
H.K. Electric (O) 150 26.30
H.K. Tramways 200 16.75
Ropes 600 7.75
Yaumati Ferries 100 24.25

3,503

The total value is \$37,590.00.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Apr. 2 (Reuter). Silver—Very small trade buying offset by production selling. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was idle with no business.

Spot, 23-1/2d.
Forward, 23-7/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Apr. 2 (Reuter). Market—Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready, 23-1/2d. 63-04
Apr. 22 Settlement 63-04
May 21 Settlement 63-06

your Directors have co-opted his son, Mr. Li Ka-sze, to fill the vacancy. According to our Articles of Association Mr. Li Ka-sze's term of office expires, and I shall presently have pleasure in submitting his name for re-election as a Director for the ensuing year.

BONUS TO STAFF

Before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Secretary and the other members of the staff for another year's good work. I may mention also that in recognition of their loyalty and hard work, your Directors have paid to the staff one extra month's salary as a special bonus, in addition to the usual one month's extra pay at the end of the lunar year. I trust that this will meet with your approval.

DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

After Mr. Li Po-kwai had seconded the Report and Accounts, Mr. Lau Tak-po proposed and Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall seconded that Messrs. Fung Ping-fan, Leung Tung-kai and Li Ka-sze be re-elected to the Board of Directors.

On the proposal of Mr. Leung Tung-kai, seconded by Mr. Li Ka-sze, Mr. Li Tung was re-elected Auditor.

THREE-YEAR RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

Decision Adopted At 8th Plenary Session

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central).—Speaking at the dinner party given in honour of the 1,900 C.E.C. and C.S.C. members attending to the 8th Plenary Session at the Chialing House yesterday evening, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek commended the good spirit which prevailed throughout the Session.

He attributed the satisfactory conclusion of the Session to the detailed discussion of the various proposals and emphasised the importance of strict enforcement of the resolutions.

Besides the personnel changes in the Kuomintang Headquarters and the National Government, the most important decision reached at the Session was the adoption of a Three-Year Wartime Reconstruction Plan.

SALT MONOPOLY

Next in importance were the introduction of Government salt, sugar and tobacco monopolies, and the introduction of Kuomintang's land policy in which landowner will make his own assessment of government levies.

Another significant decision was that instead of provincial treasuries the Central Government will resume collection of land tax in order to meet wartime needs.

FOREIGN AID IN CHINA MEDICAL RELIEF

After some ten months of strenuous work with the International Red Cross in Interior China, Mr. William Jenkins, one of the six young Britons who came from England last year to aid in China's medical relief, has returned to Hongkong.

In an interview with the CENTRAL NEWS, Mr. Jenkins said he had had a serious attack of typhus recently and was in Hongkong for recuperation. He arrived here by plane from Chungking on March 22.

After two or three weeks' stay here, he will proceed to Rangoon where he will continue his work for the International Red Cross supervising the transportation of medicines into Interior China.

While in the interior, Mr. Jenkins did mostly publicity and office administration for the I.R.C. Travelling most of the time he had been to French Indo-China, the Burma border regions, Kweichow and Chungking.

He said he had broadcast to London and America from Kweichow and Chungking appealing for relief funds for the distressed in China. He had met Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and other high Chinese officials in Chungking. Prior to his departure for Hongkong, he said he was entertained by the Generalissimo at lunch.

IN SHENSI

Asked about the whereabouts of his five companions, Mr. Jenkins revealed that Mr. Evert Barger and Mr. Philip Wright are in Shensi as Field Inspectors for the I.R.C. They have just taken eight tons of medicines to the International Peace Campaign hospitals there. Messrs. Llewellyn Evans and Owen Evans are in Kweichow taking charge of the transportation work

for the I.R.C. Mr. Michael Sullivan is taking propaganda films for the Chinese Red Cross to be sent to America with a view to raising relief funds. He has been working in Kweichow lately and is expected to arrive in Hongkong soon.

Mr. Jenkins said he was deeply impressed by the excellent spirit displayed by the Chinese students in the interior despite the hardships and privations they are undergoing. They are in dire need of books, especially those dealing in medicine, he said.

Asked about life in the interior from the viewpoint of a foreigner, he replied that it is enjoyable provided that person is fit. At first, he was not accustomed to the food, but later he adjusted himself to it. It is a painful experience to fall ill in the interior, he said, in view of the lack of sufficient doctors and medical supplies. He himself has had attacks of malaria, dysentery and typhus.

U.S. SHIPPING FOR BRITAIN

Programme Discussed In Washington

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt yesterday conferred with Rear-Admiral Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, on the question of furnishing ship tonnage for Britain and other phases of the \$7,000,000,000 British Aid Programme.

Later Rear-Admiral Land told reporters that he had discussed with the President two categories of the programme, namely, the \$629,000,000 appropriation for ships and the \$200,000,000 appropriation for repairing warships.

The taking into custody of German, Italian and Danish ships in United States waters was not discussed.

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"OPEN DOOR" TRADE POLICY IN CHINA QUERIED IN COMMONS

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Questioned about the "Open Door" trade policy in China in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) said that the British Government had for some time been watching the trend of Japanese policy towards foreign interests in China and in particular the effect on British trade.

Recently he took opportunity to draw the attention of the Japanese Ambassador to the present state of affairs which the British Government found impossible to reconcile with the past protestations of the Japanese Government about the maintenance of the "Open Door."

Asked by Sir John Wardlaw-Milne whether it was right to assume that the Japanese had now gone back on all their agreements regarding European interests, Mr. Butler said: "We have, on one hand, Japanese statements, and on the other hand the situation as it is now developing. The Japanese statements say that their policy is unchanged whereas the more we look at the situation the more unsatisfactory we see it to be. That is why we have taken the opportunity to bring the matter to the urgent attention of the Japanese Government."

United States Coal Industry Strike

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Although the strike in the United States coal industry is affecting nearly 500,000 workers, negotiations are continuing. A settlement is hoped to be achieved within 48 hours.

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Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Apr. 3.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 7/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady. American Trade bought to a small extent. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Dull.
STERLING
No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 24 1/2 up to May, buyers at 24 5/8 Cash and also May.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Business was done at 463 1/2. 463 1/4, 463 and 462 1/4. The market closed with sellers at 461, buyers at 462.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 15/16. The highest rate reported was 3 17/16 for Spot. The market closed with sellers at 3 1/4 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 9/32. The highest rate reported was 5 11/32. The market closed with sellers at 5 5/16 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
Quiet.
STERLING
The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Nothing doing. There were sellers at 24 1/2 up to May, buyers at 24 5/8 for any delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 462 1/4 and closed with sellers at 463, buyers probably at 463 1/2.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 1/4 and towards the close the market was reported as being easier with sellers only at 3 15/16 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 5/16 then eased off to 5 9/32. At the close there were sellers again at 5 5/16 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 3 (Reuter).
Official T.T. Rates.

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-3/16	0/3-3/16
New York	5-3/16	5-3/16
Japan	22	22
India	17-5/8	17-5/8
Paris	nominal	nominal
Hongkong	21-1/8	21-1/8
Sterling		
Spot	0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64
Apr.	0/3-15/64	0/3-15/64
May	0/3-1/32	0/3-15/64
U.S. Dollars		
Spot	\$5-9/32	\$5-5/16
Apr.	5-9/32	5-5/16
May	5-1/4	5-9/32
Market	Quiet	

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, April 2, 1941.	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.32	11.14	11.18	11.24	.06 up
New York Rubber, May	22.06	22.00	22.25	22.06	.19 off
Chicago Wheat, May	92 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	92	.25 up
Chicago Corn, May	67 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	.1 up
New York Hides, June	14.18	13.95	14.02	14.17	.15 up
NEW YORK COTTON					
May	11.18/18	11.13b/18a	11.24/24		.06 up
July	11.14/14	11.09/10	11.24/24		.10 up
October	11.02 N	10.98/97	11.21/21		.19 up
December	10.99/11.00	10.96/96	11.19/19		.20 up
January	10.98 N	10.94/93	11.17 N		.19 up
March	10.98/98	10.92/92	11.15/15		.17 up
Spot	11.48		11.44		.04 off
Total sales Tuesday:—118,400 Bales.					
NEW YORK RUBBER					
May	22.25b/30a	22.40 A	22.06/06		.19 off
July (New contract)	21.68/70	21.60b/70a	21.48/48		.20 off
September	21.30/30	21.25/25	21.06/06		.24 off
December	21.00 B	20.80b/21.05a	20.80b/85a		.20 off
Total sales for the day:—80 tons.					
CHICAGO WHEAT					
May	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	92 1/2/92		.25 up
July	88 1/2/88 1/2	88 1/2/88 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2		.25 up
September	89 1/2/89 1/2		92 1/2/92 1/2		.25 up
Tuesday's sales:—14,091,000 bushels.					
CHICAGO CORN					
May	66 1/2/66 1/2	66 1/2/66 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2		.1 up
July	66 1/2/67	66 1/2/66 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2		.1 up
September	67 1/2/67 1/2		68 1/2/68 1/2		.1 up
Volume of business done:—149 lots.					
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3					
May	2.44b/46a		2.45b/46a		.01 up
July	2.46b/48a		2.46b/48a		unch.
Volume of business done:—119 lots.					
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4					
May	83b/84a	82 1/2/82 1/2	81 1/2/82 1/2		.01 off
July	87 1/2/88a	87 1/2/87	86 1/2/87a		.01 off
Volume of business done:—119 lots.					
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES					
July	11.60/60	11.55b/75a	11.52b/60a		.08 off
NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL					
July	8.10/10		8.30/30		.20 up
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		34-3/4		
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/4		4.03-1/4		

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, April 2.	(German Stgd.)	
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.		
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red. after 1952)	104 1/2	
Defence Loan, 3 1/2%	104 1/2	
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	11	
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	42	
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	40-44	
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45	
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	24	
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31	
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8-10	
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47	
Yunnan Rly. 5%	14	
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14	
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	12	
Lung T'ing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	12	
S'hai-N'King Rly. 5%	14	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stgd.)	12	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stgd.)	12	

JAPANESE NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Shanghai, Apr. 3 (Reuter).
Please note that all the Japanese markets are closed today.

BANK HOLIDAY

LONDON: Banks, the Stock Exchange, Lloyd's, etc., are all open on Good Friday, April 11, but are closing on the Bank Holiday on April 14. The Baltic Exchange is closed on both days.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Apr. 2 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Apr. 2 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupees, 95-10-0

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Apr. 2 (Reuter).
Mar. 21 Mar. 28

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department)	26,785	26,924
Rupee Coin and Bullion in India	3,332	3,471
Gold Coin and Bullion in India	4,441	4,441
Securities (Indian Government)	4,961	8,787
Securities (British Government)	14,050	10,224
(Figures in Lakhs Rupees)		

LONDON GOLD

London, Apr. 2 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 168/-

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

APRIL 3, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Apr. 2	Apr. 2	Apr. 2	Apr. 2
Adams Express	54	Loew's Inc.	32
Allegheny Steel Co.	21	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allis Chalmers	27 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	75	Martin, Glen L.	27 1/2
Amer. Can.	88	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	27 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	35	Montgomery Ward	37
Amer. & Foreign Power	1	Mt. City Copper Co.	34
Amer. Locomotive	13	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	21
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Lead	15 1/2
Amer. S'ing and B'ing Co.	30 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	17	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	162	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2	N. American Aviation	14 1/2
Anaconda Copper	24 1/2	North American Co.	14 1/2
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	25 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	43
Baldwin Locomotive	15	Pacific Gas & Elec.	26 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Packard Motors	23
Barber Asphalt Co.	8 1/2	Pan-American Airways	12 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	12 1/2
Bendix Aviation	30 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	77	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	25 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	15 1/2	Pullman Inc.	27 1/2
Borg-Warner	18	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	20 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4	Reading Company, Com	15
Canadian Pacific R'way	4 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2
Case, J.I.	43	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Celanese	22 1/2	Republic Steel	19
Chesapeake & Ohio	40	Revere Corp.	32
Chrysler Corp.	63 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	37 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	34	Safeway Stores	37 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	7 1/2	Sears Roebuck	72 1/2
Consolidated Edison	20 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9
Continental Gap	37 1/2	Southern Pacific	10 1/2
Continental Oil	18 1/2	Southern Rly \$5 pfd.	24 1/2
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	33
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	26 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	9 1/2
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	Standard Oil of California	20 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	15	Standard Oil of N.J.	35 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	72 1/2	Stone & Webster	64 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	146 1/2	Studebaker Com.	6 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	8 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	32 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Elec. Autolite	29	Texas Corp.	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	24	Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pfd.	64 1/2	Timken-Axle	30 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pfd.	70	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pfd.	35	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Flintkote	13 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	50 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	66 1/2
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	Union Pacific	78 1/2
Gen. Motors	42 1/2	United Aircraft	38 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	12 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	12 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	United Corp.	13 1/2
Gillette Co.	13 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pfd.	23 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2	United Gas Corp.	9 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pfd.	61 1/2	United Gas Improvement	8
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	25 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$5 pfd.	93 1/2
Great Western Sugar	25	U.S. Smelting	63
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Steel	57 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	70	Vanadium	26 1/2
Homestake Mining	48 1/2	Valtee Aircraft	52 1/2
Int. Nickel	27 1/2	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	13 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	94 1/2
Johnson	59	Woodward Iron Cor.	28
Kennecott-Copper	34	Chase National Bank	—
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	33	National City Bank	—
Lockheed Aircraft	22 1/2	Libby, McNeill & Libby	5 1/2

DOW JONES AVERAGE

High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Apr. 1	High	Low	Close	Change
162.80	111.64	20 Industrials	132.88	133.55	132.66	133.43	.17 up
32.67	22.15	20 Rails	29.76	29.02	28.75	28.97	.19 up
98.45	18.03	20 Utilities	19.59	19.60	19.45	19.51	.06 off
92.19	83.06	40 Bonds	91.74			91.07	.07 off
64.07	48.74	11 Commodity Index	63.20			62.93	.27 off
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Chinese In U.S.A. Solidly Behind National Government

Complete solidarity behind the National Government is evidenced among the Chinese in America and there is no talk of peace among them, declared MR. WEN-SHAN HUANG, professor at the Institute of Letters of the Graduate School, National Sun Yat-sen University and a veteran Kuomintang member, in an interview with Central News.

Mr. Huang returned here about two weeks ago after over a year's stay in the United States where he inspected the affairs of the Kuomintang and the conditions of the overseas Chinese and also organized the America branches of the San Min Chu I (Three Principles of the People) Youth Corps under the instructions of the Central authorities. He had visited practically all the large cities in the United States and also Toronto in Canada, and delivered over 100 speeches to overseas Chinese organizations and schools and written a number of articles on China's war of resistance for publication there.

The Chinese there, mostly hailing from Toisan, Kwangtung, Mr. Huang further said, all follow the instructions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and abide by the tenets of the National Spiritual Mobilisation Movement and the New Life Movement.

RECENT POLICY

As the result of the recent policy of the United States for full aid to the Democracies, Mr. Huang

observed, greater sympathy toward China has been demonstrated by the Americans, even those who previously advocated the isolationist policy.

Feeling against Japan are mounting among the American people, many of whom, including professors, advocate war with her. News of the imminence of war with Japan appears often in newspapers with glaring headlines.

Turning to his work in the United States, Mr. Huang revealed that he had organized three regional headquarters for the San Min Chu I Youth Corps respectively in the western, central and eastern parts of the United States with branches in different cities.

The headquarters in the eastern part is in New York and is headed by the Chinese Consul-General there, Mr. Yu Chun-chi. It consists of an auditorium, a library, a recreation room and dormitories and is regarded as the best and most beautifully built Chinese establishment there. The other two headquarters are also in satisfactory conditions.

SIGNED UP

Several hundred overseas Chinese youths, including students at the University of California and Harvard University, have signed up as members, Mr. Huang said. At present the three regional headquarters are planning to organize a publishing establishment in New York for the publication of a periodical called "Chinese Youth."

Besides the San Min Chu I Youth Corps, Mr. Huang also organized a branch of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association in New York.

Regarding the Kuomintang in the United States, Mr. Huang said that the Party affairs there are being carried on smoothly. A meeting of the members there is scheduled for June, during which special committees will be elected, and important problems of the Party will be discussed.

After a brief stay in Hongkong, Mr. Huang will leave for Chungking by plane to submit a report on his mission in the United States to the Central authorities.

HUNAN TRAINS MIDWIVES

Ten midwives' training classes for the training of 3,300 midwives have been formally opened in Lelyang.

It was established by order of General Hsueh Yueh, Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Government. The trained midwives will be distributed to various counties and towns in the province. Each country or town will have three of them.

A midwives' school will also be opened. Funds are being raised. (Central News).

CHUNGKING & H.K. IMMIGRATION LAW

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (Central).—One of the decisions reached at Tuesday's meeting of the 8th Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive and Supervisory Committees was to request the National Government to negotiate with the British Government for the cancellation of the Immigration Regulations now enforced by the Hongkong Government. It was pointed out that the regulations are prejudicial to the interests of the Chinese in Hongkong and the friendly relations between China and Britain.

SHEET ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY

SYDNEY, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The establishment of sheet aluminium industry in Australia is the object of a special mission for which Lieut.-General Sir Ronald Charles, Chief Royal Engineer, has arrived here by air.

During his investigations, he will examine local reports regarding the possibility of producing aluminium from Australian deposits of bauxite.

MORE BRITISH WORKERS TO CHINA

About forty young Britons, including doctors, motor mechanics, transportation and first aid workers, are coming to China for practical services within one or two months, according to a cable received by local foreign relief workers for China.

Organised by the Society of Friends in London, known as the "Quakers," the party will bring a number of ambulances along and will be attached to the Chinese Red Cross after their arrival, says Central News.

WINE-BREWING FORBIDDEN

To conserve foodstuffs against waste, winebrewing will be forbidden in various districts in North and Central Hupeh and South Honan. (Central News).

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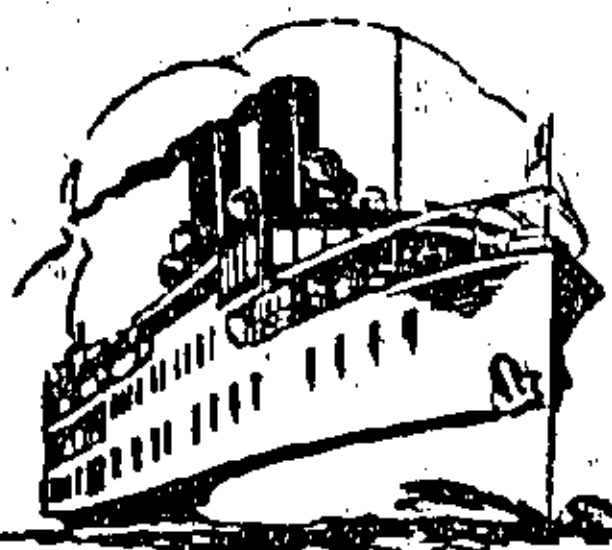
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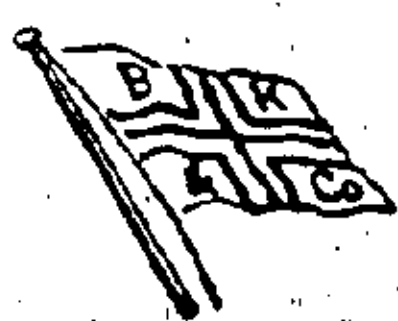
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CHILDREN PLAY IN RUINS OF PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH, England, March 22.—British children were still playing in bomb-devastated Plymouth tonight, gaily skipping about and trading bomb-fragments much as children elsewhere might trade marbles despite grim bandages around their legs, arms and knees.

"COVENTRATED"
Around them lay stretches of desolation unequalled anywhere in Britain, including the gruesome sights of Coventry. I toured Coventry, Birmingham and the worst hit districts of London when these areas were "blitzed," but nowhere have I seen such destruction concentrated on any single spot.

Plymouth seems to have been "coventrated" in a manner that Coventry never experienced.

Throughout today there were intermittent explosions from delayed action bombs or dynamiting operations, adding to the heaps of rubble and stone.

20,000 BOMBS
It was estimated that the Germans dropped at least 20,000 incendiaries and hundreds of high explosives on residential districts of this great port, after which they divebombed the blazing ruins.

At dawn smoke overhung the town in which firemen, ARP workers and police were still toiling when I arrived. It was known that ten persons were killed in one shelter alone.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER
Australian Premier Robert G. Menzies, who arrived Friday night shortly before the blitz, spent the night unhurt in the home of Lady Astor. Despite the hail of bombs, Menzies left the shelter during the blitz and toured the city. He loaned his automobile to be used in conveying women and children from their bombed homes.

In London official communiques describing the raid, said that the thrust was on "a fairly heavy scale, and there was considerable damage to public buildings, shops and houses. It was feared that the casualties may be fairly heavy."

PRIEST TO TOUR U.S. SELLING BOOK

Chungking, Mar. 22.—The Rev. Father Meus, Belgian Catholic priest who is a naturalized Chinese citizen, left today for Hongkong from where he will proceed to the United States by way of Manila and Honolulu.

He will tour the United States for six months to sell the book "The Science of Love" written in English by Dr. John Wu, noted Chinese jurist and member of the Legislative Yuan, who was recently converted to Catholicism. The volume deals with love of God and brotherly love based on the classics of ancient Chinese sages.

It may be recalled that last year Father Meus accompanied the late Chinese tiger painter, Chang Shan Tze, on a tour of the United States.

On hand today at the airport to see Father Meus off were Mr. Yu Pin, Apostolic Vicar of Nanking and a detachment of Chinese Boy Scouts.

KOTEWALL CUP TOMORROW

The Kotewall Cup charity football match between South China and Army will be played tomorrow at Causeway Bay, Navy ground, commencing at 4.45 p.m.

South China will field the following team:—
Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Kwok-wai, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-chol, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Chin Chi-fai, Lee Tack-y, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau. Reserve: Tso Kwai-shing; Manager: Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan. Results thus far:—South China 3 v. Navy 1; Army 1 v. Navy 1.

CHESS RESULTS

J. Grefalda drew with A. Y. Birukoff in the Colony Junior Chess Championship Tournament last night. In another game, To Yu-lau beat J. Tausz.

Leading scores now are:—A. Y. Birukoff, 5½ pts., J. Grefalda, 4½, Un Kwai-yung, 4, To Yu-lau, 3½, A. Kurrik and V. V. Kolachoff, 3, R. C. Danenberg and E. M. Petrov, 2½.

RAPE CASE RECALLED:

JACOBS' UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL AGAINST COURT SENTENCE

An application for leave to appeal against sentence of eight months' hard labour imposed on him in the March Criminal Sessions on a charge of rape was brought before Mr. Justice R. H. Williams and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser in the Full Court of Appeal yesterday by Frank Kenneth Jacobs, private of the R.A.M.C.

Jacobs, it will be remembered was convicted for the rape of a 19-year-old girl, Man Mul-kwai, at King's Park, on Jan. 16, and was sentenced by Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

The appellant was unrepresented, while Mr. J. P. Murphy was for the Crown.

The grounds for appeal were (1) that he considered that the evidence was perjured by the prosecutrix; (2) that the proof produced by the prosecutrix was not sufficient to convict, as it was heresy, and (3) that his innocence was partially upheld by the lenient sentence passed on him.

EVENTS EXAGGERATED

Jacobs said that the girl had grossly exaggerated the events of the night in question and went on to deal with the points which, he said, went to prove that she was lying. He declared that the spot where the girl alleged the offence took place was at least quarter of a mile away from the actual spot. It was impossible for him to lift the girl over the fence which was over four feet high.

Jacobs further declared that he knew the girl to be a prostitute and said that he could bring evidence to that effect, evidence which would show that she had slept with men in the Middlesex Barracks.

Regarding the evidence of Dormer, Jacobs said that the latter was grossly exaggerating what he had said. He said that the girl knew where to find him within a few minutes of reporting to the Police and declared that the girl was a consenting party through-out.

HERESAY EVIDENCE

Regarding the second ground for appeal Jacobs declared that the evidence of Cpl. Dormer was here-say. Dormer, he said, was a man who always exaggerate things and this was known to many of his colleagues in the regiment.

Regarding his third point, Jacobs said that until up to the time that the jury returned he was confident that he would not be found guilty, and declared that the jury, in the verdict that was given, was not absolutely sure of his guilt.

Asked by Mr. Williams what he meant, Jacobs replied that he got that impression by the recommendation by the jury.

APPEAL DISMISSED

In dismissing the application, Mr. Justice Williams said: "My brother and I have considered the grounds which you have put forward in this application for leave to appeal. You have not complained whatever against the summing-up which is a matter essentially for the jury who have given, as their opinion, that you were guilty."

"I see no ground for leave to appeal. You have mentioned certain incidents but you have had full opportunity to place what evidence you wished before the Court."

TEST OF FOOD STORAGE

Tests will be made soon in selected country centres of the Victorian emergency food stocks plan, which may be adopted as a model by the Commonwealth Government.

The plan provides for stocking in strategic centres enough supplies of essential commodities to meet any threat or actual emergency which might dislocate normal transport or trading.

Prepared by a sub-committee of the Victorian Emergency Council, the plan is estimated to involve:—

STRATEGIC CENTRES

Establishment of reserve stocks at strategic centres valued at more than £1,000,000;

Provision of emergency reserve stocks of essential commodities for nearly 900,000 people, including those now living outside the city and those who might be evacuated;

Arrangements to complete the stock of food reserves throughout Victoria within 14 days.

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Mrs. Virginia Woolf noted essayist and novelist, is feared by her family to have been drowned in the River Ouse, near Lewes, Sussex, where she and her husband lived.

FORTUNE IN MARRIAGE MARKET

When Miss Heather Jenner and Miss Mary Oliver opened a marriage bureau in Bond Street, London, twenty-one months ago, many people said their venture was just another stunt, and predicted a swift and expensive failure.

The critics were wrong. These two young girls, in less than two years, have each built up a fortune.

On their books they have between nine and ten thousand men and women.

Each of them has paid a registration fee of \$40.

SWEET COURTS COOK

When they get married they pay a further fee of \$170 each, making a total of \$420 a marriage.

So far the two girls have brought off nine hundred marriages.

About a quarter of their clients are soldiers or working-class people. These pay only \$12 for registration and \$40 each when they get married.

"One is a chimney sweep," Miss Jenner said. "He signs himself 'Yours to a cinder.' At the moment, he's walking out with a cook."

Canadians and members of the U.S. Eagle Squadron are much in demand. Unfortunately the Bureau has no "Eagles" on the books—but it has plenty of Canadians.

"At Christmas," Miss Jenner said, "we had letters from married couples all over the world.

"Divorces? No, not one yet—touch wood. They all seem to be very happy."

Running a marriage bureau requires tact. The two girls meet clients in hotels, restaurants, private houses all over London—but they never "recognise" them unless the clients make the first move.

They have found that men generally have to meet about seven different girls before they find one to marry. And then it is not always the seventh.

Sometimes they go back to the fourth or fifth.

FOR KIANGSI RELIEF

In view of the wide-spread suffering in northern Kiangsi caused by the recent Japanese operations, the National Relief Commission has appropriated \$100,000 for emergency refugee relief in the recovered districts.

Previously, the Commission made an appropriation of \$70,000 distributed among the following cities: \$10,000 for Kaoan and \$5,000 each for Juichang, Hukow, Nanchang, Fengsin, Hsienkien, Wuning, Anyi, Tsingai, Kiukiang, Tahan, Yung-shui, Pengtshah and others.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FORCES

The National War Relief Association headed by General Chen Cheng, in a telegram to the Chinese forces on the Kiangsi front today, congratulated them on their smashing victory over the Japanese, which it said, has aroused nation-wide rejoicing.

The message expressed the hope that they will redouble efforts to wipe out the remnant Japanese units in northern Kiangsi. (Central News).

MONCKKOT RIOT

An attempt by an Indian constable to arrest two unlicensed hawkers in Monckkot on Wednesday night caused a riot, in which the Police officer and Mr. Pascoe, of No. 111, Prince Edward Road, were injured. Both were admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

Stones were hurled and the situation grew so bad that the Indian was forced to draw his revolver and fire a shot in the air.

Two men and a woman were arrested.

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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 1st April	8th Apr.
Canton	8th Apr.
Rangoon	11th Apr.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai. (San Francisco date, 21st March)	11th Apr.
Calcutta and Straits	12th Apr.
Rangoon and Straits	14th Apr.
Japan and Manila	14th Apr.
Australia and Manila	14th Apr.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th April	15th Apr.
Rangoon and Straits	16th Apr.
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U. S. A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date 19th March)	19th Apr.
Calcutta and Straits	20th Apr.

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	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O.
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Canton	5.30 PM
Straits	5.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 7th
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 9.30 AM Ord. 10.00 AM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 9.30 AM Ord. 10.00 AM
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